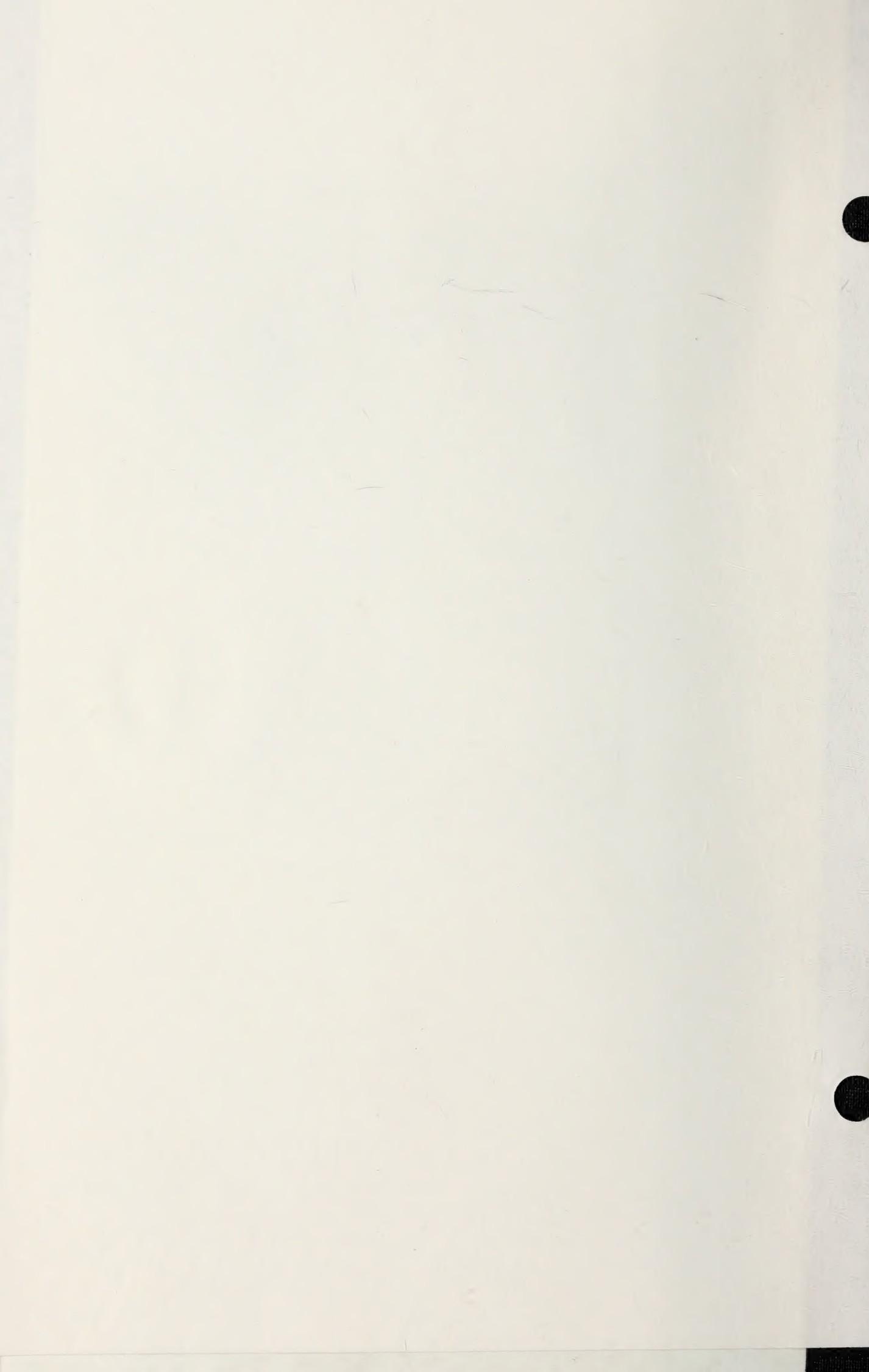


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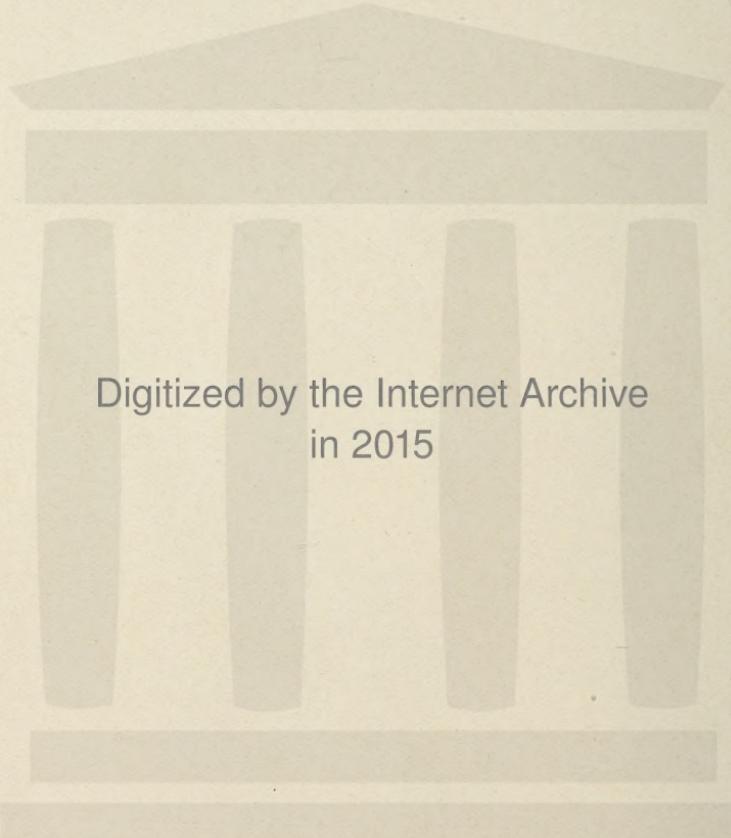
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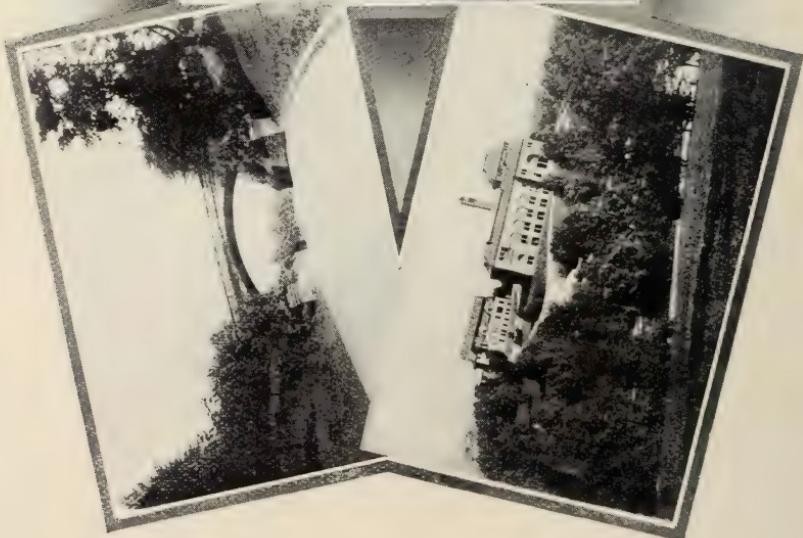
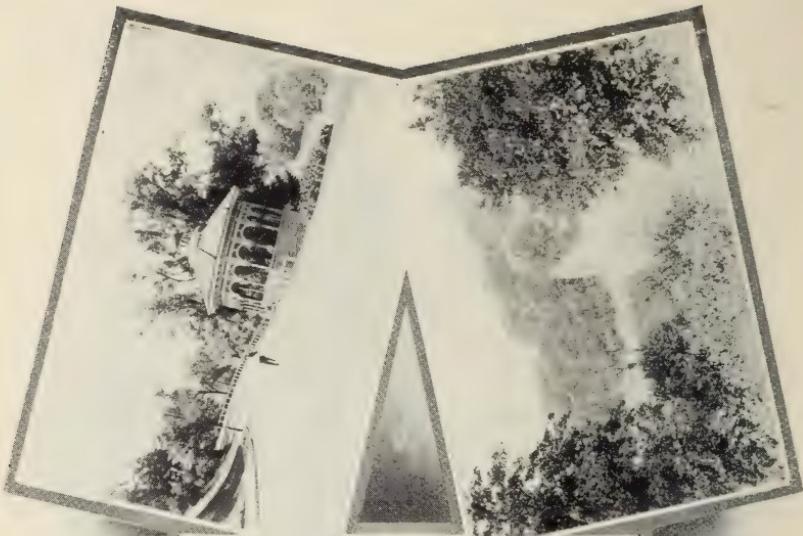
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PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1907.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Service:

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the requirements of your honorable board I take pleasure in submitting to you a report of the proceedings during the past twelve months in the Park Department.

In taking charge of the parks of the city on January 16, 1906, I set forth to manage the department for the best possible good to the greatest number of people, and I think your honorable board will concur with me that the results have been satisfactory, from the fact that a greater number of people have taken advantage of the parks during the past year than have ever before visited there in the same period of time.

During January and February of 1906, through the courtesy of a number of property-owners, I flooded lots in various parts of the city, which provided splendid skating for the children. I believe that this is one of the features of playground work that should be encouraged, as the physical culture feature predominates with the pleasurable, though they are both to be highly commended.

Trimming trees, sowing grass-seed, and the placing in condition of some of the driveways which were found to be in rather a bad condition (especially the one leading from Mt. Adams and encircling around the reservoir, which was found to be almost impassable) constituted the greater part of the work done.

A stone-crusher was procured, and one thousand cubic yards of stone crushed and placed on the driveway above mentioned. This work was all done with regular park labor, thereby saving to this department several hundred dollars, as it cost but a fraction over fifty cents per cubic yard to place the stone on the driveway by this method, whereas it would have cost one dollar and fifty cents to place it there by direct purchase.

The greenhouse on the south side of the reservoir, formerly used by the Waterworks Department, was abandoned by that department and turned over to the Park Department. The buildings were then razed and removed to the present range of park greenhouses, and rebuilt, adding thereby something like five thousand feet of glass to the present range. We utilized our park force and mechanics in building these houses, consequently the work was done without any extra expense.

Eden Park

It is plainly evident to the close observer that Eden Park has been greatly neglected in planting as regards both trees and shrubs, and an effort will be made during the planting season this spring to plant two or three thousand trees and shrubs in this park. This feature of park maintenance brings vividly to the mind the urgent need of a municipal nursery, as we could then take the choice trees from a large assortment, instead of depending upon what a nurseryman sees fit to give you, which at the best is not a very good grade of tree, as the market in this locality does not justify the growing of any great amount of ornamental and forest-trees.

The driveways in Eden Park will all have to be resurfaced with stone and screenings, which have been ordered, and work on same will be begun as soon as the weather will permit.

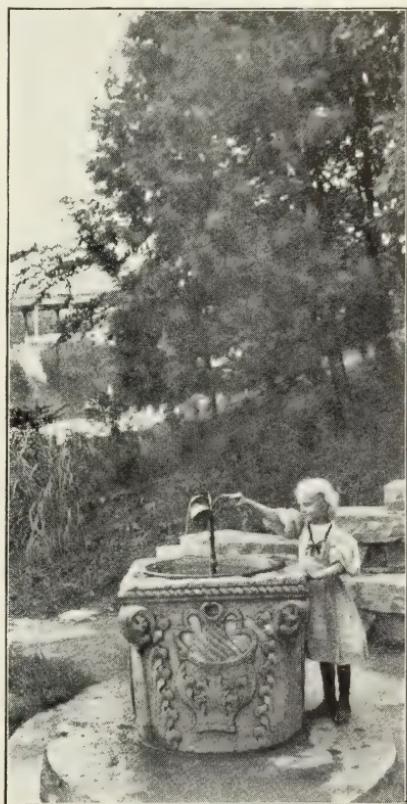
The main approach to the park is too narrow, and I have had

plans drawn to widen the entrance, which will add greatly to its usefulness and to its ornamental effect. This matter has been called to my attention a number of times and complaints made because of the narrowness of the entrance, and I believe we can spend money in a no more useful way than by placing this driveway at a width sufficient to make of it a more accessible approach.

The band-stand and refreshment parlor were both repaired and painted in colors to conform to the surroundings, which has added very materially to the general appearance of that locality.

There have been three new walks placed in the park, and the walk leading from Walnut Hills to the Art Museum has been reclaimed and surfaced with stone and cinders, and is now used more than any other walk within the park, as its location gives a divergence of scenery to those who want to take but a short walk within the confines of the park.

There has been placed four hundred feet of sewer-pipe in Eden Park, including a branch beginning at the summit of the hill near the water-tower and leading down over the slopes, connecting up at the base with the Fulton-avenue sewer, thereby draining all the water from this point in the park which at times had inundated the yards and homes of adjacent property-owners. This is a feature which will, of necessity, have to be carried out



in other portions of the park in order to avoid severe washouts that have occurred from time to time during past years.

The Good Roads Improvement Company made an experiment on the main driveway with an asphaltum oil to allay the dust and prevent washing. It proved very satisfactory, especially in settling the dust and preventing the growth of noxious weeds, as well as proving impervious to dashing rains, thereby preventing any material from washing from the drives. That experience, coupled with my observation of what is being done in eastern cities, has prompted me to make an experiment during the coming summer with a solution of oil, soap, and water that will give much cheaper applications, and I believe just as effective service.

This company was also given the privilege of making a test of tarvia on the same driveway. While tarvia makes a very hard road and would no doubt lengthen the life of macadam, the manner in which it was placed on the park driveway here made it dangerous for horses to pass over, as the surface was so very slippery that it necessitated a coating of sand every two or three weeks to make it safe for traffic. The climatic conditions caused it to disintegrate also to such a degree that it was not thought to be an economical material for roadbeds. This, coupled with the other objectionable feature, would, I believe, bar it as a material for park driveways.

One of the most needed improvements in our department was established in the workshop at Eden-Park stable. During the past throughout the summer season the entire time of two men was required to keep the scythes and lawnmowers in condition for the workmen to use. The entire interior arrangement of the workshop is now changed, a dynamo having been installed, the power generated by same being utilized to propel two grindstones, an emery wheel, a forge, a drill, a lathe, a vise, two saws, and a horse-clipper and groomer. The entire cost of this equipment was but \$385, and the estimated saving of labor is sixty dollars

Willows — Eden Park



per week. This arrangement has made conditions there such that it takes two mechanics but two hours in the morning to put all tools in condition for the entire day.

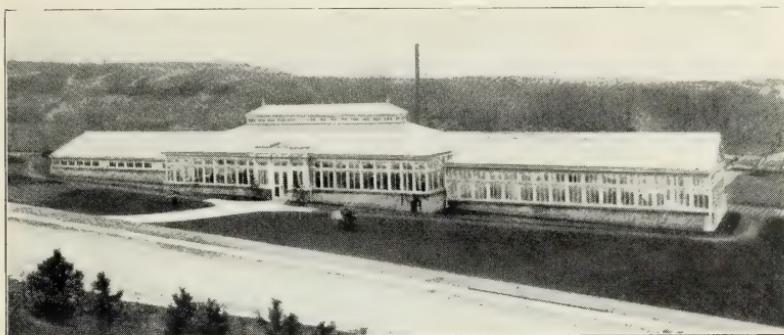
One hundred and fifty bushels of grass-seed were sown in Eden Park, the formula being as follows:

5 parts	bluegrass	14 pounds to the bushel.
5 "	redtop	
3 "	perennial rye	
1 "	white clover	

This mixture where sown (as have other experiments made elsewhere a number of times) proved very gratifying. The bluegrass and redtop furnished a splendid turf during the early summer, and the perennial rye remained green until late fall.

The music for band concerts in Eden Park, financed by the Schmidlapp Eden-Park Sunday Concert Fund, was ably furnished by John C. Weber's Grand Orchestra and Military Band. Not only are these concerts beneficial to the great masses of people who attend, from an elevating and refining point of view, but they are the means of inducing hundreds to visit the park who would not otherwise become acquainted with its beauty. Nineteen concerts were given here during the past summer, with an estimated average attendance of ten thousand people, and while there were a great number of carriages and other vehicles, the people have become so thoroughly conversant with the discipline that not an accident occurred during the entire season.

It was believed that every one would concur in that it would be a great educational advantage to those who frequent the parks to have the trees labeled, and accordingly a sum of money was used for this purpose, and the greater number of each variety of trees labeled to the extent of the amount at hand. I would urgently recommend that there be a fund supplied next year whereby all the trees and shrubs may be labeled, that the parks may be more educational from a botanical standpoint to those who visit them from time to time.



Floricultural Department

The greenhouses located at Eden Park are the source of the entire supply of plants for the ornamental bedding in the parks. The number of plants grown for bedding purposes, as well as those kept for ornamental display in the show-houses, are given below, the variety name being also listed.

It is my intention to add to the collection at present in the greenhouses about twenty new varieties of crotons, forty varieties of begonias, fifteen to twenty varieties of cannas, and probably twenty-five new and pleasing varieties of ornamental plants that are desirable. We will also purchase quite a variety of orchids during the coming year to enlarge our collection, as well as about five hundred palms in variety.

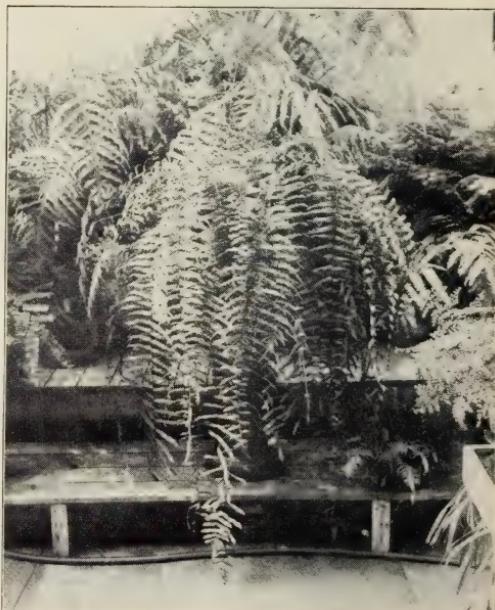
After visiting nearly all the large conservatories of the country I can state that, with the above-mentioned additions to our plants, we would have one of the finest collections of tropical plants to be found anywhere in the country. The condition of the plants at our conservatories as to healthfulness and vigorou-

nness of growth is unquestionably unsurpassed by any single collection of plants I have ever seen.

The matter of carpet and ornamental bedding has been taken up in the set garden at Eden Park, and in fact carried out at all the parks where there is sufficient space, or where it can be viewed from a prominent thoroughfare. The 150,000 bedding-plants grown were distributed among the various parks of the city, and when this park planting was taken care of the residue was distributed among Cincinnati hospitals, the Children's Home, some of the fire departments, the Workhouse, and to various public schools that had space to use them.

As the plants that still remained were of a very inferior quality, the head gardener was instructed to distribute them among any persons who might ask for them, as it seemed a much better method to give away such plants as could not be used for bedding purposes than to throw them on the dump. No doubt the few flowers that could thus be given away help embellish some home, and make a more respectable and pleasing surrounding for the people thus supplied.

The limited amount of money allowed to conduct the greenhouses makes it a very tedious task to carry on to the fullest extent the floricultural feature within the park department.



LIST OF BEDDING AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

Grown at Eden Park Greenhouses

Bedding Plants

2,700	Acalypha
2,500	Ageratum
15,000	Alternanthera
2,700	Alyssum
4,200	Anthericum
5,000	Begonia
17,500	Canna
5,200	Centaurea
25,000	Coleus
2,000	Cuphea
2,800	Croton
5,900	Echeveria
30,000	Geranium
8,000	Lobelia
2,700	Petunia
100	Musa
3,200	Salvia
500	Cyclamen
<u>15,000</u>	Pansy
<u>150,000</u>	

Foliage and Flowering Plants

75	Azalea
150	Begonia Gloire de Lorraine
200	Calceolaria
15	Camellia Japonica
100	Richardi
100	Dracæna, of following varieties:
	Dracæna fragrans
	" Godseffiana
	" terminalis
500	Palms, of following varieties:
	Areca lutescens
	Caryota urens
	Kentia Belmoreana
	Latania borbonica
	Phœnix Canariensis
	" reclinata
	" rupicola
	" Roebelenii
	Stevensonia grandifolia
	Cycas revoluta
	Trachycarpus Fortunei
	Ptychosperm Cunninghamiana

Chrysanthemum Show-house Eden Park



300 Ferns, of following varieties:

- Adiantum cuneatum*
- " *Farleyense*
- " *formosum*
- " *trapeziforme*
- " *Weigandi*
- " *Rhodophyllum*
- " *pubescens*
- Lomaria gibba*
- Alsophila Australis*
- Asplenium Belangeri*
- Blechnum Braziliense*
- Blechnum occidentale*
- Cibotium Schiedei*
- Aspidium falcatum*
- Aspidium coriaceum*
- Microlepia hirta cristata*
- Microlepia cristata*
- Davallia Fijiensis major*
- Nephrolepsis cordata compacta*
- " *exaltata Bostoniensis*
- " *Piersoni*
- " *Piersoni elegantissima*
- " *exaltata plumosa*
- " *Duffii*
- " *Scotti*
- Pteris cretica alba-Lineata*
- Pteris tremula*
- Polyphodium aureum*
- Polyphodium fraxinifolium*

35 *Hibiscus*150 *Hydrangea*400 *Lilium*, of following varieties:

- 200 *Lilium Harrisii*
- 200 *Lilium* (Japanese varieties)

50 *Calathea*, of following varieties:

- Calathea Massangeana*
- Calathea Makoyana*

300 *Pandanus*, of following varieties:

- Pandanus Veitchii*
- Pandanus utilis*

200 *Euphorbia*250 *Orchids*100 *Curculigo recurvata*

Miscellaneous plants as follows:

Asparagus plumosus compacta
" plumosus nanus
" Sprengeri
" tenuissimus
Araucaria excelsa
Araucaria Bidwilli
Anthurium Scherzerianum
Aspidistra lurida
Dieffenbachia Bausei
Dieffenbachia magnifica
Olea fragrans
Philodendron pertusum
Farfugium grande
Laurus nobilis
Imantophyllum miniatum
Jasminum Grand Duke
Rondeletia brilliantissima
Ananas sativa variegata
Homalomena Wallisii
Correa magnifica
Billbergia splendens
Fittonia Verschaffeltii
Trachelosperum jasminoides
Sanseveria zeylanica

Burnet Woods

At this park there is a large area covered with primitive forest-trees, though they have been very badly mistreated by allowing employees to mow and rake the ground, and subject this area to the same treatment that they would a lawn, thereby depriving the trees of their natural protection of leaves, and robbing the forest of its undergrowth of small trees, which would add to the park a beautiful woods effect—a treat to the lover of nature that can not be found elsewhere in close proximity to our city.

The trees and shrubs in this park were thoroughly renovated and trimmed, and treated with fertilizer. They have taken on a vigorous growth, which indicates that they are responding to these cultural methods of treatment.

Most of the drives are much steeper in this park than in Eden Park, and consequently the washing away of material by rain amounts to a great deal more than at other parks. There has been used about ten carloads of screenings, most of which replaced that which was washed off during heavy rains. There will be needed a great deal of finishing material for the drives in this park in order to place them in firstclass condition.

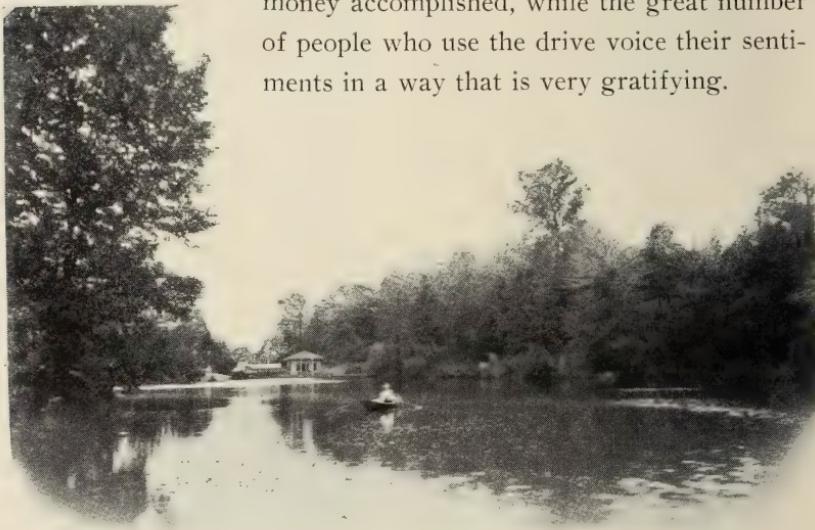
The lake in Burnet Woods is a great source of amusement for hundreds of children. During the summer months they find great sport and recreation in boating, and during frozen weather the ice is literally covered with people all day and until late in the evening. Using this as a basis, it would seem that any property purchased for park purposes should have ample provision for a liberal body of water.

The old wooden dock at this place had outlived its usefulness, and during the late summer was replaced by a modern concrete dock, which adds greatly to the appearance and safety of the hundreds of people who seek recreation on the lake.

Because of the disputed ownership of the drive known as University Avenue, it has been sadly neglected, so much so that it was impossible to use it at all. Arrangements were, however, made with the Board of University Trustees that they bear one half of the expense of the repair and the Park Department the remaining half, a proposal to this effect being very readily ac-

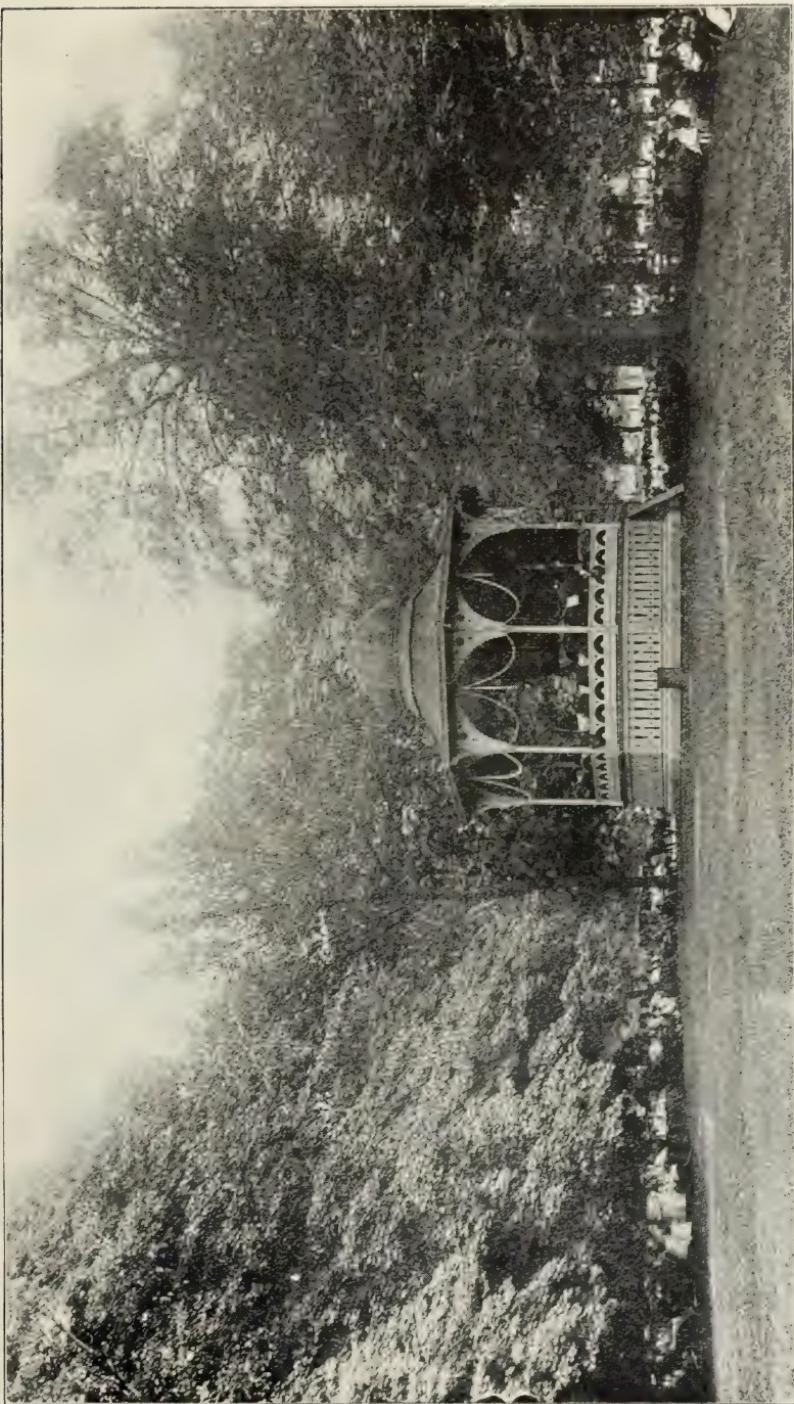


cepted by them. There was purchased \$592.29 worth of broken stone, and six carloads of light stone screenings, costing \$224.90, were also put on this driveway, and thoroughly rolled. It is now the best drive within the Park Department, and the University Trustees are greatly pleased with the amount of good their money accomplished, while the great number of people who use the drive voice their sentiments in a way that is very gratifying.



The portion of the park used by the University has been very unsightly because of the noxious weeds that were allowed to grow there throughout the summer season, the grounds being left untrimmed and uncared for. This department sowed grass-seed and kept it well-trimmed throughout the summer, which added greatly to the appearance of that portion of the park, and in fact lends a touch of neatness to the entire park from a point of public view, as there are but few persons who are aware of the fact that it is not actually park property.

A survey was made of the property adjacent to Hopson Street, from University Avenue to St. Clair Street, and the estimated cost of grading this portion of the park is from \$14,000 to \$15,000. As this is a very prominent part of the park,



Concert — Burnet Woods

and the grading of Hopson Street has left it in an ugly condition, I would suggest to your honorable board that there be funds provided to grade and sod this embankment.

There are also on Clifton Avenue two very abrupt and unsightly banks that should be cut down and surfaced with rich loam, as at present they present a very undesirable landscape effect, especially along so prominent a thoroughfare as Clifton Avenue.

The concerts at Burnet Woods were greatly appreciated by thousands of music-loving people during the past summer. The proceeds from the investment of the Groesbeck Endowment were sufficient to furnish twelve concerts. It was estimated that an average of five thousand people were in attendance on each occasion. The popularity of the musical feature at this park was greatly augmented by the high class of music furnished by Kopp's Military Band and Smittie's Famous Military Band and Harp Orchestra, who, by an arrangement made when contracts were awarded, played alternately during the season.



Lincoln Park

The opportunity for developing Lincoln Park into a playground and recreation park has been greater than at any other of the parks in the city.

There was organized early in the spring of 1906 a Concert Association, comprising prominent business men of the West End and myself. In organizing this body we were enabled to get the entire neighborhood interested in Lincoln Park. Through this Concert Association eight concerts were given at Lincoln Park during the summer, and a purchase made of two peafowls, two dozen ducks, three pair of swans, some rabbits, and we are making preparations to receive from the Workhouse a pair of deer, all of which has proven a great source of interest to the people who frequent this park. A report of the receipts and disbursements of the Concert Association follows:

CINCINNATI, OHIO, November, 1906.

MR. J. W. RODGERS:

Dear Sir,—We herewith beg to hand you a statement showing how the moneys donated towards a concert fund were spent. You will notice that eight concerts were given. The attendance averaged from five to eight thousand at each concert. In addition to managing all details when concerts were given, the directors of the Lincoln-Park Concert Association provided further pleasures for both young and old by supplying Lincoln Park with one pair of peacocks, a pair of beautiful swans, numerous ducks, as well as squirrels and rabbits.

After deducting for all expenses you will note we still have a balance in bank of \$160.75, to be held until next spring, when a meeting of West-End citizens will be called regarding its disposal.

Trusting our actions have met with your approval, and thanking you in behalf of the many who enjoyed the concerts made possible by the generosity of those who contributed, we are

Respectfully,

THE LINCOLN-PARK CONCERT ASSOCIATION

EDWARD BUSSE, *President*
MAX N. AGGER, *Secretary*

STATEMENT OF THE LINCOLN-PARK CONCERT ASSOCIATION

SEASON OF 1906

RECEIPTS.....	\$1,229 50
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DISBURSEMENTS

June 13—Collectors' expense	40 85
13—Advance Printing Co., letterheads, etc.....	8 75
25—Stenographer and stamps.....	6 00
28—Kopp's Military Band, concert June 19th.....	121 00
28—One pair peafowls for park	5 75
July 12—Oehler Printing Co., programmes for first concert and vouchers	2 50
12—Roman candles, concert June 26.....	2 00
12—Liinnenkamp Bros., announcement bombs.....	9 00
13—Bradley and Sorin Co., programmes June 26th.....	6 25
20—Young's Military Band, concert July 17th	124 00
20—Advance Printing Co., envelopes and letterheads....	3 75
24—Oehler Printing Co., programmes for July 12th and 26th concerts, ribbon badges for donors	18 25
24—M. N. Agger, Secretary, stamps.....	2 00
31—Saatkamp's Military Band, concert July 26th	124 00
Aug. 3—Times-Star Newsboy Band, August 2d concert.....	10 00
3—Leesman Brothers, lunch and lemonade for Times-Star Newsboy Band	6 00
3—Rennekamp Sign Co., cards and streamers.....	6 20
25—House-to-house distribution of programmes for concert July 16th.....	1 50
25—Smittie's Band and soloist, August 16th	129 00
31—Oehler Printing Co., programmes for fifth and sixth concerts	14 00
31—Liinnenkamp Bros., announcement bombs, etc., in- voices of July 12th, 26th, and 30th.....	17 50
31—J. G. Broxterman, Treasurer, stamps	1 00
Sept. 1—Kopp's Military Band and soloist, August 30th concert	129 00
8—Liinnenkamp Bros., fireworks August 6th	25 00
18—Oehler Printing Co., programmes September 15th....	7 00
18—House-to-house distribution of programmes, Sept. 15th	1 25
19—Liinnenkamp Bros., bombs September 15th.....	7 00
20—J. C. Weber's Band, 28 men and soloist, September 15th concert.....	125 00
Oct. 10—Entertaining management Times-Star Newsboy Band	10 00
11—Times-Star Band, September 6th concert	25 00
11—Clerical help and incidentals	35 00
11—Constructing bridge across lake to island for donors' convenience.....	40 00
Nov. 8—M. N. Agger, Secretary, postage, etc., mailing state- ments to donors.....	2 20
Cash on hand, in bank	160 75
	<u>\$1,229 50</u>

M. N. AGGER, *Secretary*

A new concrete bandstand was erected and the walks on the outside of the park resurfaced. This brings to mind that it would be a splendid thing, and is in fact a necessity, to have these walks surfaced with concrete, which would afford a splendid place for the children's recreation of roller-skating and games of different kinds, and would make that space much more useful than it is at the present time.

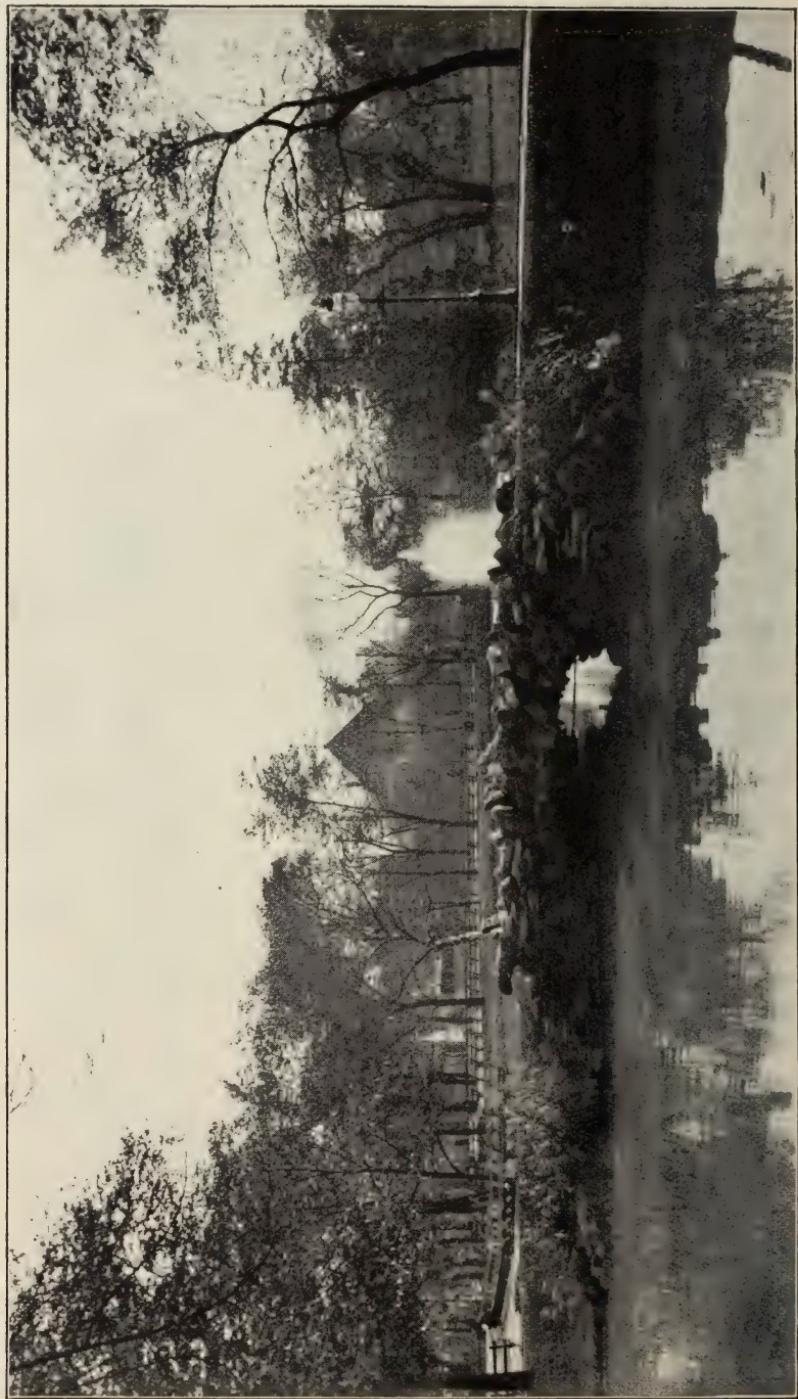
The west end of the park was given over to the children as a playground, and teeter-totters and sand piles placed in this location, which has had a tendency to draw from the streets and the gutters a great many children who, up to that time, had only these as a possible playground. In this little corner of the park at all times of the day, from early morning until late at night, you will find great numbers of children congregated, playing ball and using the paraphernalia that is supplied by this department for their enjoyment.

During the heated term of July and August we had a night police force, who reported that there were during that time nearly sixteen hundred people who found great relief sleeping and resting in the parks, when it would have been utterly impossible to have had any sleep in the hot tenement-houses of the West End.

The bandstand, refreshment-stand, and shelter-house were all painted to conform to park surroundings, as were the entire lot of park-benches also.

The planting at this park consisted of canna, ageratum, echeveria, and alternanthera. We expect to take up the labeling of the trees and shrubs during the coming summer, and have also made preparations to build a concrete dock to replace the wooden dock that is there at the present time, which will be more serviceable, as the existing dock is in such condition that it is dangerous to leave it in its present state any longer.

The lake afforded skating during the past winter which was



Scene in Lincoln Park

enjoyed by hundreds of people during the period of frozen weather. After making a test of resistance we calculated that the ice was perfectly safe after it had frozen to three inches; and as the weather in this latitude does not permit of skating very frequently, we find it meets with the approval of the general public, and gives a great deal of pleasure by allowing them to use the ice whenever it reaches a thickness of three inches. An average of about one thousand people were on the ice during the skating-days.

In the summer there is splendid boating on the water, which covers an area of about three acres, and affords recreation of many kinds, and also adds wonderfully to the embellishment of the park. The innumerable boats are constantly in use by the children of the neighborhood, and in fact the body of water is inadequate to accommodate the great demand for boating during the hot summer evenings. This is partially due to the very liberal rates made by Mr. Frank Daugherty, who has the boating privileges in the parks, he allowing the children to ride on the lake for one cent per ride.

Washington Park

To keep Washington Park in condition has been a very perplexing question during the past summer. In the spring of the year grass-seed was sown and the flower-beds planted with canna, geranium, musa ensete, and acalypha. There were also placed in the basin during the summer from six to eight varieties of nymphæ (water-lilies). They have done remarkably well in this part of the city, and the experiment suggests that we can grow very successfully in the downtown districts a quantity of these lilies, which would add very materially to the collection of planting, as the aquatic garden is numbered as one of the most attractive features in parks of other cities.

Just as our work in this park had begun to make a good showing it was turned over to the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, and when the Fall Festival was over there was nothing left but barren ground and a couple of hundred loads of refuse. We immediately began to clear away the debris, spade the ground, and sow it with grass-seed, but the entire month of October had passed before this was accomplished. The cold winds of November prohibited the germination of the seed sown, and as a con-



sequence the ground will remain barren during the entire winter. The cost of placing the park in its original condition was defrayed by the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association. Mr. J. Charles McCullough very generously supplied enough seed to sow one section of the park.

Washington Park is situated in one of the most populous districts of the city, and there is not a day from early spring until late in the fall which will not find innumerable people resting or seeking recreation in the shade of the trees and on the benches. The numbers of children who visit this park almost constantly

would indicate that there is pressing need in this locality for a playground.

As the location of the trees and the present divisional lines prohibit the placing of a playground of any consequence within this park, I would therefore recommend, if it is at all possible, that additional property from the north boundary line of Washington Park to Fourteenth Street be acquired for park purposes, that we may place a playground, wading-pool, outdoor recreation field, etc., in this very congested portion of the city.

My first impression was to recommend to your honorable board that one section of the park be used as a ball-ground, but on visiting the park from day to day during the past summer, and noticing so many aged people as well as mothers with their infant children taking pleasure in the splendid shade afforded by the trees, the thought presented itself that it would be a step in the wrong direction to destroy those beautiful trees in the heart of the city for the purpose of making a playground, thereby depriving those people of the splendid facilities that they have there for shade and quiet, a condition that could not immediately be provided in any other section of the city.

This park was kept open all night during the hot months of July and August, and a policeman placed in charge, who kept a record of the number of people sleeping there each night, which shows that 5,254 persons derived a great deal of comfort from sleeping in the park. The same conditions exist here as in other congested parts of the city; in the tenement-houses the people are hardly able to find any rest, even though they go to bed, and the men, being allowed to use the benches in the park to rest upon, get some refreshing sleep. Judging from the number of inquiries that came in after the park was closed as to whether they would be allowed to sleep there again, a great deal of good was accomplished by allowing those poor people to use the park in that way.

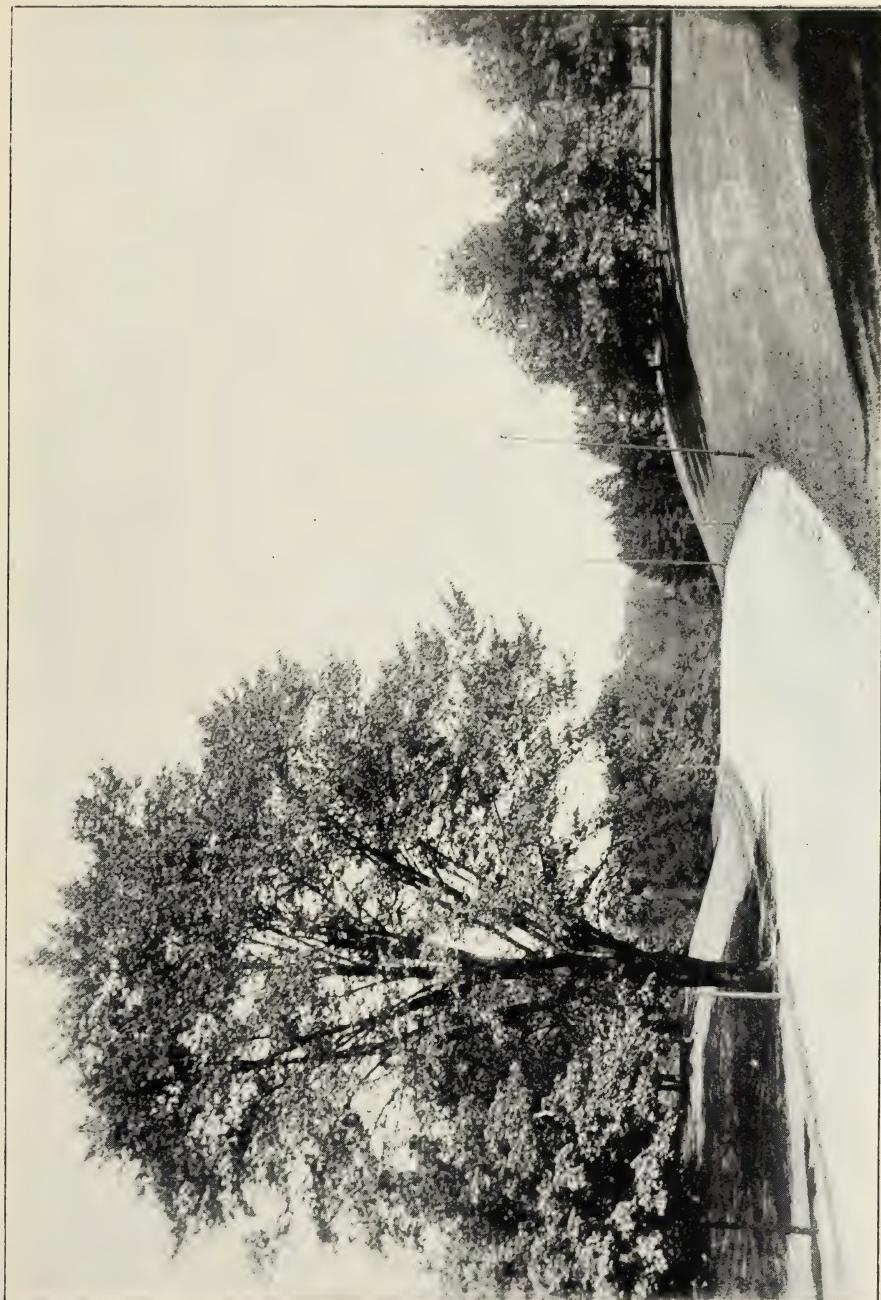
During the winter months the walks in Washington Park get so muddy that we are compelled to keep the gates closed to prevent people from walking through. As Kentucky rock asphalt has proven to be a splendid material for walks, having been tried in other park departments of the country, I would respectfully recommend to your honorable board that this department be given the privilege of resurfacing these walks in Washington Park with this material, which would enable us to allow the people to use the park throughout the winter season.



Hopkins Park

This property, being situated at the top of Sycamore-street hill, at the junction of Auburn Avenue, Saunders and Bigelow streets, seems to serve as a habitat for mischiefmakers. I have received more complaint from this park than all the other parks put together. Every effort to get the co-operation of the neighbors has been made. The only practicable plan seemed to be the placing of a policeman at the park continually; but, owing to the limited amount of money in this department, I have not been able to maintain a policeman there during the entire season.

Driveway — Burnet Woods



The lawn was treated with fertilizer and sowed with a special mixture of grass-seed, flowers planted and the trees trimmed, and during the summer the grass was kept trimmed, and the park kept in a high state of cultivation throughout the entire season.

This park is one of the beauty-spots of the city, and, being in a very secluded place, were it properly used it would become a most desirable resting-place for aged people and infant children.

Garfield Park

Garfield Park, being centrally located, is used as a resting-place for the transient public more than any other park in the city.

Noticing that the benches were inadequate at times, there were provided quite a number of additional ones, that the people passing that portion of the city, and being enticed within the park by the beautiful shade-trees and display of tropical plants, might have an opportunity to rest for a few moments and enjoy themselves in a comfortable seat. The floricultural decorations here were carried out last summer with tropical plants, such as palms, croton, araucaria and dracæna.

This park was kept open during the hot months of July and August, and accommodated hundreds of tired and homeless people. There were but few nights when all the benches were not occupied by sleepers during the entire heated term, as is shown by the report of the policeman in charge, which states that 3,287 people took advantage of this privilege.

As this park is so near the heart of the city, I would respectfully recommend to your honorable board that there be placed near Race Street a public comfort station for the accommodation of the many shopping-people passing at all times.

During the past five or six years I have visited most of the park systems of this country, and I have observed that the parks are very much embellished through the removal of fences, and

as the time has passed when stock was driven through the streets I would very respectfully request of your honorable board permission to remove the fence from around Garfield Park, in order that its beauty may be enhanced.

McKinley Place

This playground is situated in one of the most congested districts of the city, and from early morning until late at night there can be seen mothers with small babies, as well as older people, who find great pleasure in sitting on the comfortable seats provided there and viewing the pleasant green grass which borders the playground in this beautiful little park—a treat that can be found nowhere else in that locality. This feature, connected with the great number of children who avail themselves of the space provided for their amusement, points clearly to the fact that a number of other breathing-spaces of this character should be placed throughout the thickly-settled portions of the city.

In constructing this park there was one serious omission, and that was the placing of several drinking-fountains for the children. I expect, as soon as there are available funds, to have four drinking-fountains placed in this park, which will add greatly to the comfort of those who find so much pleasure in visiting this place, and be a great deal more convenient to the children of the neighborhood, who now have to go to their homes in the hot weather for drinking-water.

We placed about eight hundred yards of sod on this park during the past summer, besides sowing it down thoroughly with our especial mixture of grass-seed, and it is now one of the beauty-spots of the city.

There has been placed within the park fifty benches, six teeter-totters, and two sand-boxes, all of which help to provide comfort and pleasure for the children of the neighborhood.

There is one improvement that I deem very essential, and that is the enlargement of the playground area. The square is not large enough for both a park and a playground, and the present arrangement with the basin in the center obstructs the space that is allowed for playground purposes. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that this basin be removed, and that the cement be placed some thirty feet farther back, thus providing ample space around the outer portion of the park for shade-trees and a border of green, which would still maintain a park effect, and also make the square much more useful as a playground.

During frozen weather, at intervals, we flooded the playground, thus providing splendid skating, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those able to participate in the sport within this limited space.

Owls'-Nest Park

Owls'-Nest Park, one of the most beautifully-situated pieces of property on Madison Road, was given to the city about one year ago. It would not take more than five or six thousand dollars to place this property in park condition.

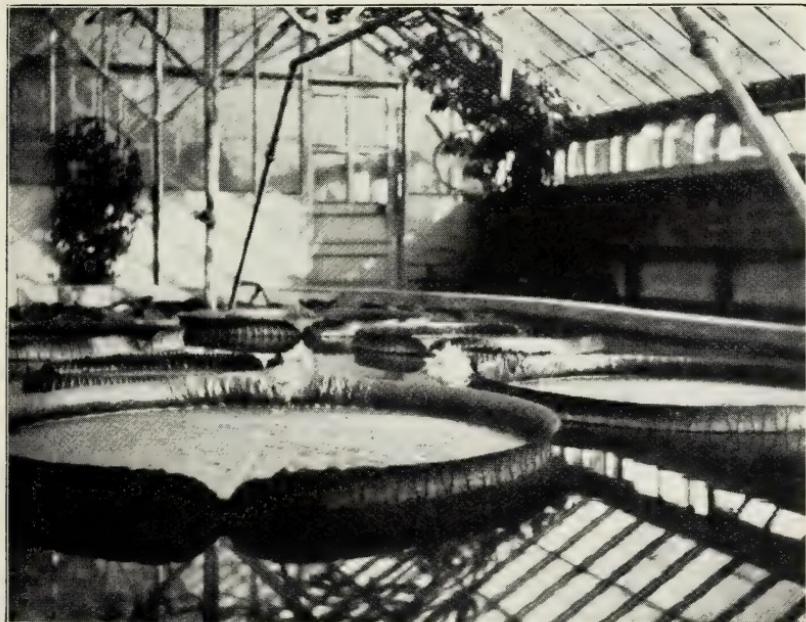
It was given for the purpose of being used as a playground, and its natural topography provides in the rear for a gymnasium field which would be entirely hidden from the road, and the noise that generally accompanies recreation fields would not be heard from the main street.

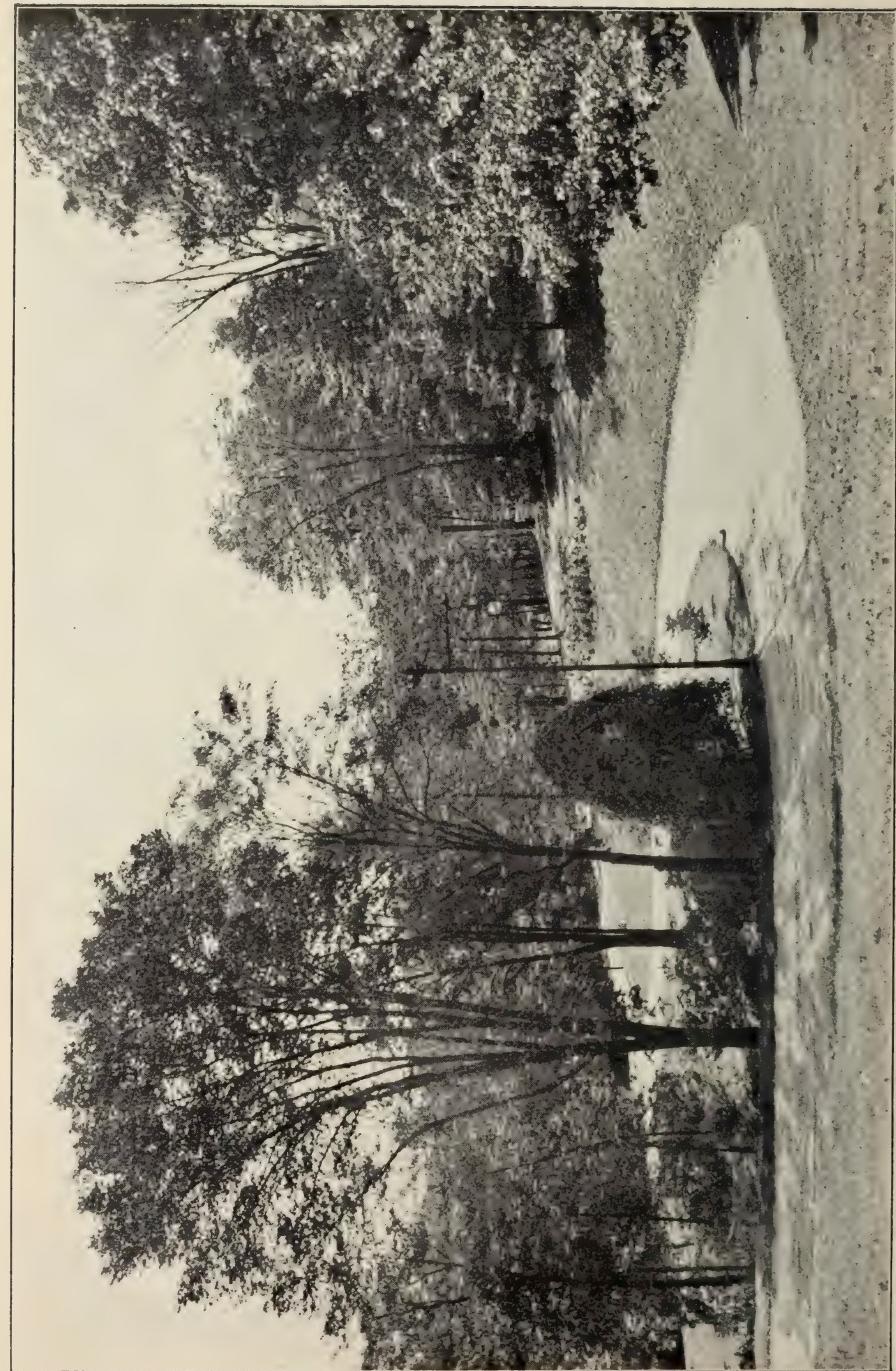
The slope extending down to the rear of the park provides a natural amphitheater, and I would therefore recommend that there be one hundred feet added to this property, which would give an opportunity to place here a beautiful recreation field, absolutely secluded from the public view. This opportunity of combining park and playground would add greatly to the usefulness of this piece of property.

The lawn has been kept mowed, the trees trimmed, and such other work done as was possible with the ground remaining in its crude state. This is about all that can be accomplished with this piece of property until funds are provided to place it in park condition, a feature which should be taken up at the earliest date possible.

The question of placing lights in this park to make it more useful for the public has been taken up by the councilman in charge of that district, and a limited number of benches were placed within the park during the past summer.

As the population near this property is increasing very rapidly, and the popularity of the park growing accordingly, I would respectfully request your honorable board to make every possible effort to raise sufficient funds to place it in park condition at the earliest possible date.





Dogwood Turn — Burnet Woods

East-End Park

East-End Park has been used as a baseball-field during the summer, and there was hardly a day but what there was a game played, and it has become a very popular ball-ground for that neighborhood.

A number of stationary benches and six teeter-totters were placed in this park, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

As there is no sidewalk in front of this property, I would recommend that at the very earliest possible time a concrete walk be placed along the entire length of the property, as it would make it much more pleasant for the masses of people that walk to and fro from their work along Eastern Avenue.

Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park

As Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Triangle was a very unsightly piece of property, and its location so prominent that it was conspicuous to thousands of people daily, it was deemed advisable to place it in park condition early in the summer.

The property was graded, water-mains supplied, sod laid, and cement walks constructed where necessary, and it has since become one of the prettiest little parks we have in the city.

Vine and Hollister Streets Park

Vine and Hollister Streets Park being situated where thousands of people pass each day, we have made a floricultural display there one of the greatest features, planting some five thousand flowers, consisting of ageratum, alternanthera, echeveria, coleus, and canna.

The entire park was fertilized and sown with a special grass-seed mixture, and the flowers and hedge were kept trimmed, so

as to keep up the very highest state of cultivation throughout the entire season.

Since placing seats in this park it is becoming very popular, as at all times a great number of people take advantage of the refreshing atmosphere and enjoy the embellished surroundings.

Auburn Place

As Auburn Place is located similarly to Vine and Hollister Streets Park, the treatment was very much the same.

Since the people in that neighborhood have taken such a great interest in the park to see that nothing was destroyed, it has become much easier to keep it in good park condition than it would otherwise have been.

I make mention of this fact as I feel that, should the public generally know the efforts the people of Mt. Auburn are making to help embellish their park, it might have a tendency to promote a like interest in the neighborhood of other parks, which would mean a great saving to the Park Department in maintenance.

Wilson Common

Wilson Common is located on Price Hill. As it comes in the direct line of the new park plans, there has been very little done, with the exception of trimming the grass on the level portion. It is so situated that very little can be accomplished in the way of drives or approaches unless additional property is acquired.

In order even to place it in condition for a playground there will have to be a very great deal of grading done, as no part of it is sufficiently level to place playground paraphernalia on; consequently I have allowed it to lay dormant, that it might be used as a portion of the new parkway system.

Cyler Davidson Fountain

The maintenance feature of Fountain Square is a serious one, as there are thousand of people passing over the esplanade daily. The steps that encircle the entire esplanade are a very enticing place for people to sit down and rest. The fountain, being a very noted and interesting piece of work, attracts hundreds of transient people here to see and study the beautiful work of art, while others eat their lunches and distribute paper and other debris that causes an endless amount of cleaning at this place.

The trees were fertilized, and the circles that were placed there filled with tropical plants, which add very materially to the embellishment of the surroundings.

There has been an urgent appeal to Council to pass a bond issue for the placing of public comfort stations under either end of the esplanade, and while there has been some strenuous opposition, the public is becoming educated in the nature of these facilities, and the opposition is gradually dying away. If nothing unforeseen happens, Council will have provided sufficient funds to place these public comfort stations underneath the esplanade within a very short time. If this feature of our work is accomplished, Cincinnati will have advanced one step more toward emulating the great cities of the East, as well as all the oriental centers of Europe, where improvements of this kind have proven very beneficial both to the health and convenience of the great mass of people of those cities.

Before making comment on the new work which has or will have to be taken up by this department, I wish to say that the maintenance feature of park work consists of so many different branches that it is of necessity very arduous work both from a technical as well as a physical point of view.

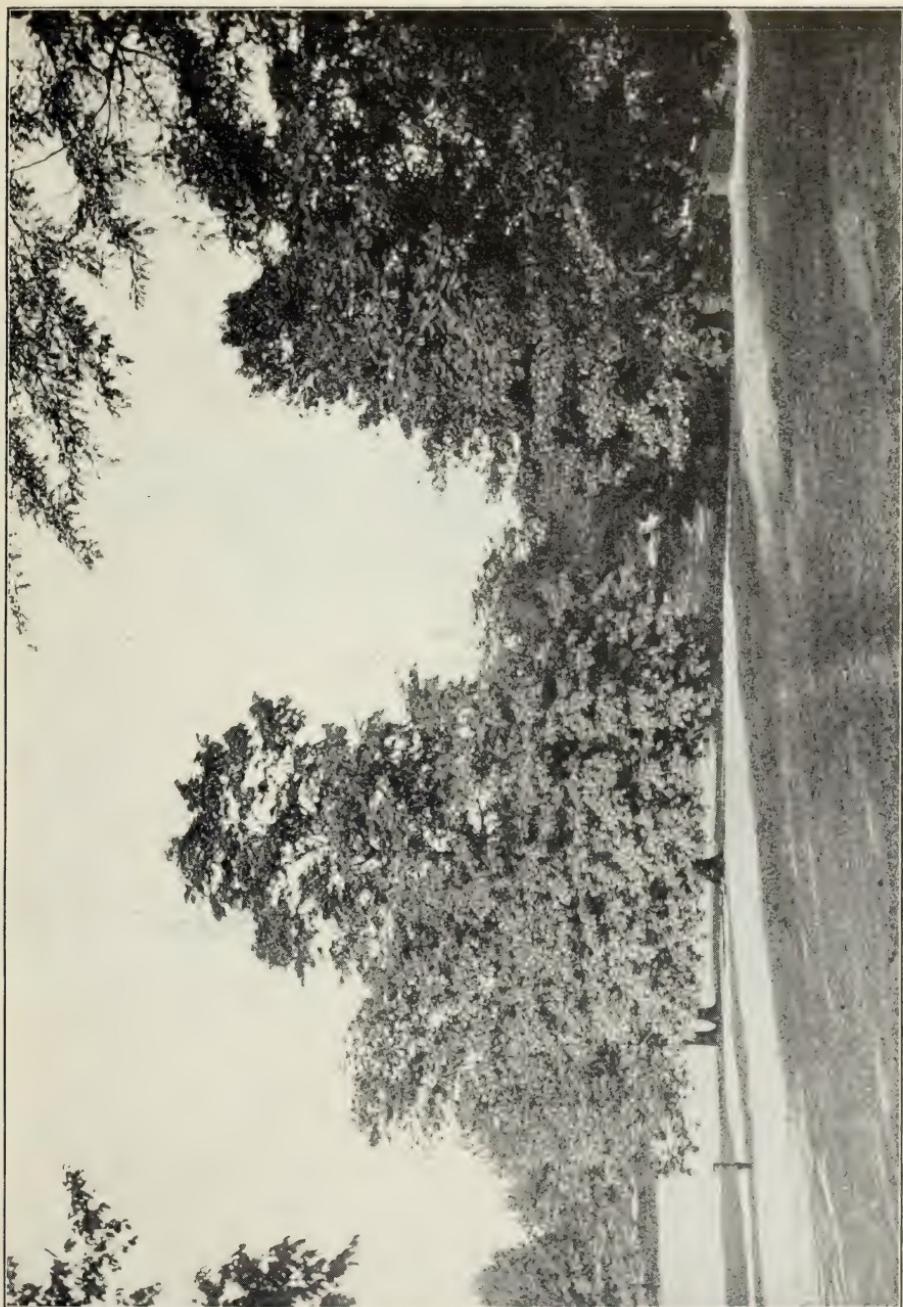
While the work has been done well, and every thing accomplished that could possibly have been with the amount of money provided, I am greatly indebted for the able assistance of Mr. Louis M. Moller and Mr. H. F. Hopkins at Eden Park, Mr. David Knott, head florist at the Eden-Park greenhouses, Mr. William Sunderbruch at Lincoln Park, Mr. Herman J. Bode at Washington Park, and Mr. George Theis at Burnet Woods, as well as to the caretakers of the various small parks; also to Miss Florice L. Webber, who has been untiring in her work in the office, this work being of such a nature that it required experience as well as technical knowledge to accomplish all she has so faithfully executed.

New Park Work

The new work of the Park Department has lain dormant most of the summer because of the fact that the million dollar bond issue provided by the legislature for park extension purposes has been entirely expended in the acquisition of park property.

LYTLE PARK—Lytle Park has been the city's property for the past two years, and it has been in a perplexing state ever since it was purchased, the Lytle home being the principal bone of contention. The question is raised from time to time as to whether or not the historical value of the building is really worth the space of ground it occupies. This department has taken no active part in the adjustment of this question, as the contention properly involves the Historical Society of the city and the people living in proximity to Lytle Park. Repeated efforts to secure funds to place Lytle Park in park condition were fruitful in the early part of October, as Council then authorized a bond issue of \$20,000 for park extension purposes, and \$6,500 of this was set aside to be used for the purpose of improving Lytle Park. Work was immediately commenced, but the appearance of cold

Summit of Clifton Hill — Burnet Woods



weather soon afterward stopped all improvements; but with the return of spring they will be pushed rapidly forward, and it is expected that this park will be finished by the early summer of 1907. The plan at present contemplated provides for the proper landscaping of the ground, placing of cement walks, planting of trees and shrubs, and the necessary sodding. There will also be drinking-fountains provided.

INWOOD PARK—The rough topography of Inwood Park will necessitate the expenditure of a large sum of money; still its



situation between thickly-populated districts will make it a very useful piece of property for a playground and recreation field. The proposal to place playgrounds, tennis courts, and provide for a lake was taken up with the engineer, and from a cursory view we concluded that these features could be worked out admirably, and that this property would become one of the most useful parks of the city. Work will be pushed forward as soon

as provisions are made for the financing of it. The engineer has been instructed to make a survey of the park, that the different pieces of property may be compiled as a whole and put on the records accordingly.

CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET Woods—The grading of the Calhoun-street end of Burnet Woods will be completed in a short time, but this addition does not serve the purpose of making the park what it should be, for there should be an additional strip of property acquired on Calhoun Street, that there might be placed a convenient city entrance to Burnet Woods. From this main entrance two drives could be built, encircling the hills in different directions, thereby giving the public a greater use of that portion of Burnet Woods than has been enjoyed up to the present time.

HUNT-STREET ATHLETIC GROUND—This property will be filled ready to place in park condition by July or August of 1907. It is proposed to make this one of the largest and best-equipped outdoor gymnasiums of the country. It will be necessary that provisions be made for a sufficient amount of money to start this work, for any delay now means to further the time when the public will have the benefit of a modern, well-equipped gymnasium field, a thing that is badly needed in this city. As all other cities have availed themselves of the opportunity to provide suitable conveniences for the people, unless we push forward in this kind of improvements we will be very materially behind other cities of our class.

BURYING-GROUND AT HYDE PARK—The triangle situated at Madison Road and Erie Avenue has become the city's property through the annexation of Hyde Park. The fact of its having been used as a cemetery has prohibited the ornamentation of it thus far. The grass and weeds have been cut throughout the past summer. That was about all that could be done with this property. There is an additional strip of property adjacent to

this and extending to Stettinius Avenue that I would recommend be purchased, that there may be sufficient acreage to make the park of some use, as that part of the city is growing up very rapidly, and this will be a very useful site for a neighborhood park.

The foregoing covers only important matter, such as actual work done and incidents encountered, that bear with direct interest on the Park Department, all the matter having been concentrated to evade the tiresomeness that would follow the enumeration of detailed matter.

I have included in this report a comparison of our parks with twenty of the large cities of the United States, a list of the different species of trees grown in the parks, and statistics showing the area, date of acquisition, and cost of each piece of park property owned by the city, because of the fact that we have a great number of calls for the above-named items, and by including it herein we will be able to mail to the persons wishing such data a copy of our annual report, thus saving a great deal of time and annoyance in looking up such information every time it is asked for.

Owing to the delay in having this report printed, we have been enabled, through the kindness of the Park Commission, which has recently made its report on a general system of parks for Cincinnati, to incorporate herein a map of such proposed parks and parkways, which may prove an interesting feature to all who are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RODGERS,

Superintendent of Parks.

Ravine — Burnet Woods



LIST OF TREES

Growing in the Parks of Cincinnati, arranged according to their Natural Order

PREPARED BY ADOLPH LEUE, A. M., PH. D.

At the order of Park Superintendent J. W. Rodgers.

MR. J. W. RODGERS, *Superintendent of Parks:*

DEAR SIR,—Engaged by you to label the trees in Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park, and to furnish you a list of the different species of trees growing therein, I beg to report that I have labeled four hundred trees in the parks mentioned, comprising eighty-eight species, a list of which, arranged in their natural order, I append to this report. To complete the work about four hundred more labels are needed.

In regard to the nomenclature, let me say that I followed Gray's Manual of Botany, Loudon's Arboretum, and Koch's Dendrology in preference to the new nomenclature adopted by the Association for the Advancement of Science, because the text-books now in use have been changed.

Permit me to call your attention to a few facts bearing upon the present arborescent condition of our parks.

The improvements made in our parks during the last twelve years have not extended to the trees; on the contrary, the latter have been sadly neglected. Since their establishment only one new species—the Catalpa Bungei—has been added; while in Burnet Woods three species—the Butternut, the Hop-tree, and the Scarlet Maple—have become extinct. In the same park the grand old Beeches are decaying very rapidly. This decay is caused by the removal and burning of the fallen leaves in the autumn and in early spring. The roots of the Beeches, which trail along on or near the surface of the ground, need the protection of leaves. Where this protection is removed trees become top-dry, or stag-horned.

This removal of the forest-litter and the burning-over of the ground also caused the disappearance of the early spring flowers, which, years ago, made the older portion of Burnet Woods so attractive.

The washouts or gullies, which were formerly unknown in Burnet Woods, and which are now becoming deeper and more numerous, are due to the same cause.

Our parks should not be mere places for recreation. They should be instructive; they should be experiment stations of arboriculture for this part of our country. They should contain not only all the species of trees and shrubs indigenous to Southwestern Ohio, but all other species that grow in this climate and soil. The people of this city naturally look to you for this kind of an improvement.

A herbarium of all the trees growing in our parks is now being prepared, and will be submitted as soon as possible.

Thanking you and the honorable Board of Public Service for the honor conferred upon me by delegating me to do this special work, I am

Most respectfully yours,

ADOLPH LEUE, A. M., PH. D.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 16, 1906.

ORDER: MAGNOLIACÆ—MAGNOLIA FAMILY.

Magnolia acuminata (Cucumber-tree).

Three fine specimens near music-stand, Burnet Woods.

Liriodendron Tulipifera (Tulip-tree).

Abundant along the drive around music-stand in Burnet Woods and in Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

ORDER: ANONACEÆ—PAWPAW FAMILY.

Asimina triloba (Pawpaw).

Burnet Woods.

ORDER: TILIACEÆ—LINDEN FAMILY.

Tilia Americana (American Linden, Basswood).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Tilia sylvestris (European Linden).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Tilia parvifolia (Small-leaved Linden).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

ORDER: RUTACÆ—RUE FAMILY.

Ailanthus glandulosa (Tree of Heaven).

Garfield Park.

ORDER: SAPINDACEÆ—SOAPBERRY FAMILY.

Æsculus Hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut).

Burnet Woods.

Æsculus glabra (Buckeye).

Burnet Woods.

Acer campestre (European Field Maple).

Burnet Woods.

Acer dasycarpum (Silver Maple).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

- Acer dasycarpum*, variety *laciniatum* (Cut-leaved Maple).
 Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.
- Acer platanoides* (Norway Maple).
 Burnet Woods and Eden Park,
- Acer Pennsylvanicum* (Striped Maple).
 Eden Park.
- Acer rubrum* (Red Maple).
 Eden Park.
- Acer saccharinum* (Sugar Maple).
 Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.
- Acer negundo*—Syn. *Negundo aceroides* (Box Elder).
 Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.
- Acer nigrum* (Black Sugar Maple).
 Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

ORDER: ANACARDIACEÆ—SUMACH FAMILY.

- Rhus cotinus* (Smoke-tree).
 Eden Park.

ORDER: LEGUMINOSÆ—PULSE FAMILY.

- Robina pseudacacia* (Black Locust).
 Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
- Gymnocladus Canadensis* (Kentucky Coffee Nut).
 Eden Park.
- Gleditschia triacanthos* (Honey Locust).
 Eden Park and Burnet Woods. (A most peculiar specimen of this tree grows in Burnet Woods, on the left of the drive from the lake to the stable — three trees joined into one.)
- Cercis Canadensis* (Red Bud).
 Eden Park and Burnet Woods.
- Cladrastis tinctoria* (Yellow Wood).
 Burnet Woods.

ORDER: ROSACEÆ—ROSE FAMILY.

- Prunus serotina* (Wild Black Cherry).
 Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
- Prunus Mahaleb* (European Wild Black Cherry).
 Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
- Crataegus oxyacantha* (English Hawthorn).

ORDER: HAMAMELACEÆ—WITCHHAZEL FAMILY.

- Liquidambar styraciflua* (Sweet Gum).
 Eden Park, Burnet Woods, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

ORDER: CORNACEÆ—DOGWOOD FAMILY.

- Cornus florida* (Flowering Dogwood).
 Eden Park.
- Nyssa sylvatica* (Tupelo, or Sour Gum).
 Burnet Woods.

ORDER: EBONACEÆ—EBONY FAMILY.

Diospyros Virginiana (Persimmon).
Burnet Woods.

ORDER: OLEACEÆ—OLIVE FAMILY.

Fiaxinus Americana (White Ash).
Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Fraxinus quadrangulata (Blue Ash).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.
Fraxinus sambucifolia (Black Ash).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Fraxinus excelsior (European Ash).

Burnet Woods, Washington Park, Eden Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Chionanthus Virginica (Fringe-tree).

Burnet Woods.

ORDER: BIGNONIACEÆ—BIGNONIA FAMILY.

Catalpa speciosa (Western Catalpa).
Eden Park, Washington Park, and Garfield Park.
Catalpa Bungei (Chinese Catalpa).
Eden Park and Washington Park.

ORDER: LAURACEÆ—LAUREL FAMILY.

Sassafras officinale (Sassafras).
Eden Park.

ORDER: URTICACEÆ—NETTLE-TREE FAMILY.

Ulmus Americana (White Elm).
Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Ulmus fulva (Red Elm, Slippery Elm).

Burnet Woods (beautiful specimens around music-stand), Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Ulmus racemosa (Cork Elm).
Burnet Woods.

Ulmus alata (Winged Elm).
Burnet Woods.

Ulmus campestris (Scotch Elm, English Elm, European Field Elm).
Eden Park.

Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry).
The most beautiful specimen of this tree stands near the road between hothouses and water-tower, Eden Park; Burnet Woods, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Morus rubra (Red Mulberry).
Burnet Woods.

Maclura aurantiaca (Osage Orange).
Eden Park.

ORDER: PLATANACEÆ—PLANE-TREE FAMILY.

Platanus occidentalis (Sycamore).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Platanus orientalis (Oriental Sycamore).

Washington Park.

ORDER: JUGLANDACEÆ—WALNUT FAMILY.

Juglans nigra (Black Walnut).

Burnet Woods, and Eden Park.

Carya porcina (Pignut Hickory).

Eden Park.

ORDER: CUPULIFERÆ—OAK FAMILY.

Quercus alba (White Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus rubra (Red Oak).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Quercus cocinea (Scarlet Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus palustris (Pin Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus phellos (Willow Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus macrocarpa (Burr Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus prinus (Chestnut Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus imprimaria (Laurel Oak).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, and Washington Park.

Quercus robur (English Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus fastigiata (Pyramidal Oak).

Burnet Woods.

Quercus cerris (Turkey Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Fagus ferruginea (Beech).

Burnet Woods.

Ostrya Virginica (Hop Hornbeam).

Eden Park.

Carpinus Caroliniana (Hornbeam, Blue Beech).

ORDER: BETULACEÆ—BIRCH FAMILY.

Betula populifera (American White Birch).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Betula alba (European White Birch).

Betula alba, var. *laciniata pendula* (Weeping Birch).

Burnet Woods.

Alnus glutinosa (Black Alder).

Alnus incana (Hoary Alder).

Burnet Woods and Washington Park.

ORDER: SALICACEÆ—WILLOW AND POPLAR FAMILY.

- Salix alba (White Willow).
Eden Park.
Salix fragilis (Crack Willow).
Eden Park.
Salix Babylonica (Weeping Willow).
Burnet Woods.
Populus alba (Silver Poplar).
Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.
Populus monilifera (Carolina Poplar).
Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Garfield Park, and Lincoln Park.
Populus fastigiata (Lombardy Poplar).
Eden Park and Burnet Woods.

ORDER: CONIFERÆ—PINE FAMILY.

- Pinus Strobus (White Pine).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
Pinus Austriaca (Austrian Pine).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
Pinus sylvestris (Scotch Pine).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
Pinus Mughus (Mugho Pine).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
Picea alba (White Spruce).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
Picea excelsa (Norway Spruce).
Burnet Woods.
Tsuga Canadensis (Hemlock Spruce).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.
Taxodium distichum (Bald Cypress).
Eden Park and Lincoln Park.
Larix Europea (European Larch).
Eden Park.
Salisburia adiantifolia (Gingho-tree).
Eden Park, Burnet Woods, and Washington Park.

Koelreuteria paniculata (Varnish-tree).
Saphora Japonica (Pagoda-tree).

A Shady Drive—Burnet Woods



CINCINNATI PARKS

As Compared with those of other Leading Cities

CITY	Population 1900	Area in Acres—1903	Value of Property—1903
New York City.....	3,437,202	6,863.2	\$285,141,700 00
Boston, Mass.....	560,892	2,912.0	50,017,975 00
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,293,697	4,137.3	30,868,000 00
Buffalo, N. Y.....	352,387	1,049.0	6,289,730 00
Cleveland, Ohio.....	381,768	1,523.3	19,622,479 00
Indianapolis, Ind.....	169,164	1,317.0	830,600 00
Louisville, Ky.....	204,731	1,350.0	1,250,000 00
St. Louis, Mo.....	575,238	2,198.4	10,729,850 00
Baltimore, Md.....	508,957	3,433.9	2,578,527 00
Hartford, Conn.....	79,850	1,135.3	504,969 00
New Bedford, Mass.....	62,442	192.0	200,541 00
Detroit, Mich.....	285,704	1,253.7	8,894,894 00
Albany, N. Y.....	94,151	324.4	1,270,446 00
Rochester, N. Y.....	162,608	727.8	1,710,637 00
Milwaukee, Wis.....	285,315	533.8	2,977,000 00
Minneapolis, Minn.....	202,718	1,813.2	4,676,357 00
Chicago, Ill.....	1,698,575	2,463.0	32,868,784 00
Kansas City, Mo.....	163,752	2,050.0	4,010,000 00
Toledo, Ohio.....	131,822	987.0	1,162,250 00
Cincinnati, Ohio (1906).....	400,000	459.817	6,520,303 00

AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

Of Property comprising Parks of
Cincinnati on December 31, 1906

	Cost of Land	Acreage
EDEN PARK.....		214.25
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865 to Jan. 1, 1869.....	633,514.81	
Land leased from Jan. 1, 1869 to Dec. 31, 1906.....	214,500.00	
Total amount paid for leases.....	848,014.81	
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1859, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1881, and 1893 at a cost of.....	851,913.00	
Total cost of Eden-Park property.....	1,699,927.81	
BURNET WOODS.....		163.50
Land leased from Oct. 18, 1872 to July 1, 1881.....	256,355.68	
Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 at a cost of.....	490,500.00	
Total cost of Burnet-Woods property.....	746,855.68	
HOPKINS PARK.....		1.00
Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1866, by Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.		
LINCOLN PARK.....		10.00
Acquired through exchanges of land. By first exchange on March 1, 1834, six acres was acquired; four acres were ac-		
Amount carried forward.....	\$2,446,783.49	

	Cost of Land	Acreage
<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	2,446,783 49	
quired by the second exchange, on Aug. 14, 1837. The land acquired thus was used as a Potter's Field, the Pesthouse being also located thereon, for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK..... Land purchased in 1858 and 1863	138,050 00	5.60
GARFIELD PARK..... This land was given to the city on April 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin M. Piatt, to be used as a market-space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as April 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1888, it was dedicated formally to park use.		1.00
Total cost and acreage of old park property	\$2,584,833 49	395.35
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARK..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	1,880 27	0.16
VINE AND HOLLISTER STREETS PARK..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	14,429 82	2.50
EAST-END PARK..... Land purchased in 1904	36,555 42	7.50
AUBURN PLACE..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	21,555 15	0.8
MCKINLEY PLACE..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	50,694 39	1.21
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	71,528 91	1.50
LYTLE PARK..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	242,898 31	1.36
OWLS'-NEST PARK..... Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, James Handasyd Perkins, and their mother, Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc	382 83	5.8
WILSON COMMON..... Gift of Mehitable Copenhagen Wilson. Accepted by the city on August 28, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc	174 55	8.395
HUNT STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDS..... Land purchased in 1903 and 1906	247,793 18	12.8
BURYING-GROUND IN HYDE PARK..... Came into possession of the city through annexation of Hyde Park in November, 1903.		2.75
INWOOD PARK..... Land purchased in 1905 and 1906	105,138 59	19.492
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER..... Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	12,324 90	0.2
Total cost and acreage of new park property.....	\$805,356 27	64.467
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1906.....	\$3,390,189 76	459.817

PARK DEPARTMENT

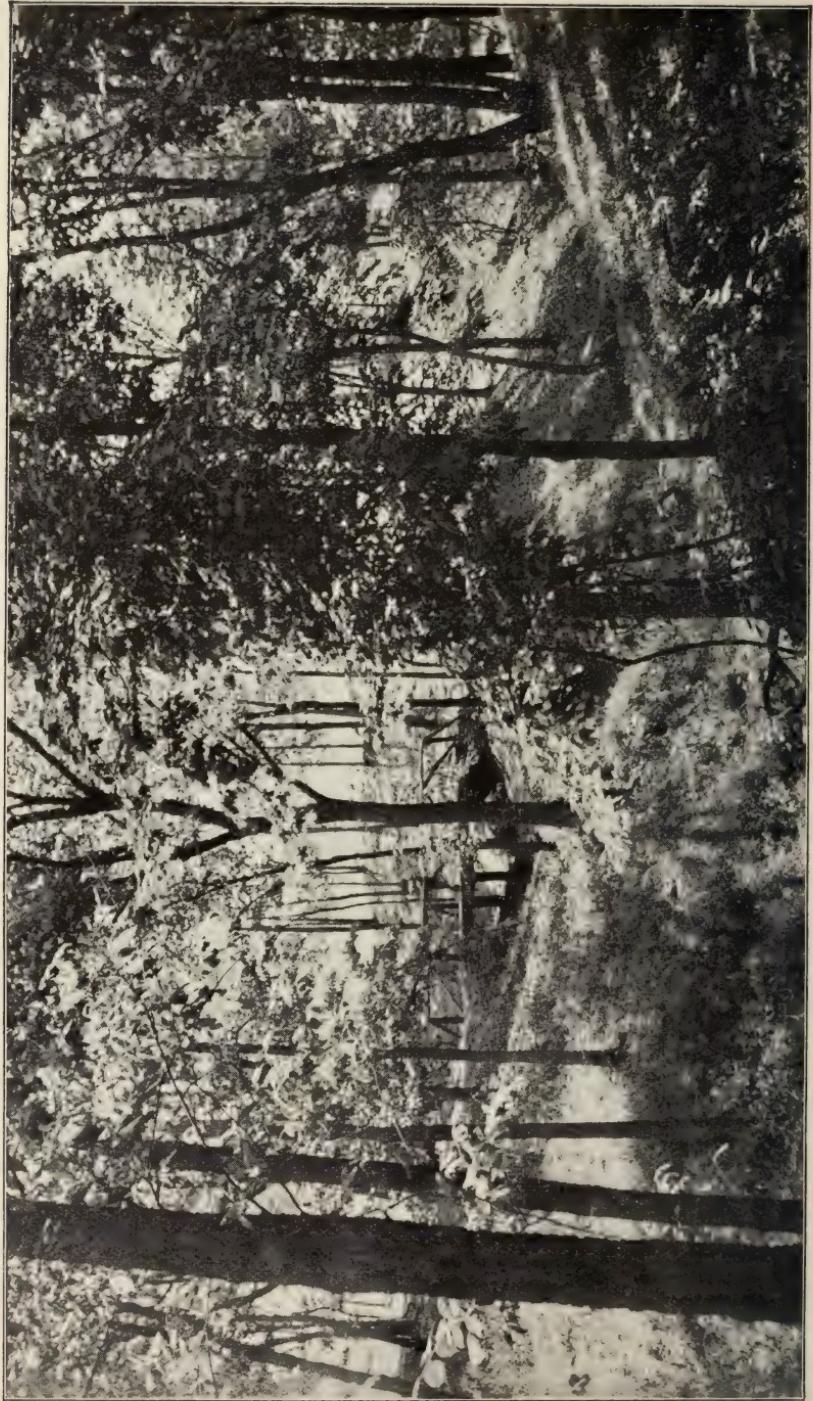
RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1906.....	1,856 21
Received from taxes for first six months.....	28,664 51
" from taxes for second six months.....	<u>27,036 70</u>
	55,701 21
Received from sale of wood.....	4 00
" from sale of flowers and plants.....	5 69
" from refreshment and boating privileges.....	496 50
" from fine imposed	10 00
	58,073 61
Received through Ordinance passed by Council from Contingent Account, General Fund, for the purpose of employing extra policemen during time parks downtown were open all night, } the sum of.....	<u>500 00</u>
Total.....	<u>\$58,573 61</u>

EXPENDITURES

Payrolls—Eden Park.....	19,450 97
Burnet Woods.....	9,112 65
Lincoln Park.....	3,001 80
Washington Park.....	3,208 97
Auburn Place.....	597 53
Owls'-Nest Park.....	628 57
McKinley Place	1,346 29
Hopkins Park.....	768 99
Vine and Hollister Streets Park.....	617 14
Wilson Common.....	117 25
Office	3,285 00
	42,135 16
Cement Walks, Park Benches, Telephone and Patrol Boxes, Feed and Stabling, etc.:	
Account books, office supplies, etc.....	142 15
Annual reports.....	151 60
Blacksmith and wagon repairs.....	150 50
Bonds of park police.....	46 00
Breaking stone.....	55 95
Brick chimney.....	303 50
Brushes, brooms, mops, etc.....	23 40
Cash paid (sundry small bills).....	84 90
Concrete docks at Burnet and Lincoln parks.....	252 23
Convention expenses.....	103 00
Disinfectants.....	109 50
Dynamo.....	385 00
Electric wiring.....	35 75
Empty barrels	6 50
Engineering services.....	70 00
Feed	1,513 07
Amount carried forward.....	\$3,433 05 \$42,135 16

Rustic Bridge — Burnet Woods



<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	3,433 05	42,135 16
Fertilizers.....	2 91	
Flower-pots, labels, etc.....	31 57	
Fuel.....	857 11	
Furniture and fixtures.....	68 25	
Grading, etc., baseball grounds.....	20 00	
Grates and frames.....	30 69	
Hardware, tools, etc.....	572 09	
Harness repairs.....	42 79	
Horse-keep, etc.....	327 60	
Horseshoeing.....	386 60	
Horse-bedding	1 00	
Horse-covers, whips, etc.....	19 00	
Hose and couplings.....	150 10	
Ice at Eden Park and Burnet Woods.....	28 50	
Insecticides.....	12 45	
Insurance.....	138 50	
Interest and sinking fund	1,840 00	
Labeling trees and tree labels.....	260 00	
Lumber.....	521 16	
Medicine for horses.....	21 85	
New horse	200 00	
Paints, glass, oil, turpentine, etc.....	283 26	
Painting band-stands	98 00	
Plants, trees, shrubbery, grass-seed, etc.....	706 02	
Police badges, wreaths, etc	10 20	
Plumbing and repairs.....	435 47	
Rent for Wilson Common.....	15 10	
Repairs to boiler.....	18 78	
Repairs to buggy.....	152 70	
Rubber boots.....	28 38	
Repairs to fence	22 00	
Salt.....	48 30	
Sand	3 00	
Sewer-pipe, lime, cement, etc.....	62 82	
Signs.....	20 00	
Soap, sponges, matches, sapolio, etc.....	15 62	
Soil, sod, and earth.....	318 00	
Squirrels and squirrel-houses.....	36 50	
Steam-roller repairs.....	473 58	
Stone (crushed)	144 45	
Street-sprinkling	469 66	
Stove repairs.....	32 30	
Tanbark	42 00	
Teams and cart-hire.....	36 63	
Telephones and patrol boxes.....	255 21	
Veterinary surgeon.....	60 00	
Walling in boilers	331 50	
Waste	11 88	
Wire fencing.....	8 23	
Wire netting, etc.....	4 73	
	13,104 54	
	55,239 70	
Balance on hand	3,333 91	
	\$58,573 61	

COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1906

EDEN PARK:

Payrolls	19,450 97
Martin J. Riley, horseshoeing.....	183 75
Henry Burdorf, horseshoeing	<u>18 35</u>
	202 10
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel	720 05
Castner, Curran & Bullitt, fuel	19 00
Fairmont Coal Co., fuel.....	15 00
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	<u>25 00</u>
	779 05
James Griffith & Sons Co., lumber.....	339 46
Morrison & Snodgrass, lumber	<u>10 99</u>
	350 45
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., bulbs and grass-seed.....	291 98
D. Rusconi, bulbs	224 34
Henry A. Dreer, flower-seeds, lilies, etc.....	42 84
H. H. Berger & Co., caladiums.....	<u>25 48</u>
	584 64
Maryland Casualty Co., insurance	54 00
Connecticut Fire Insurance Co., insurance	17 80
National Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 90
Phoenix Insurance Co., insurance....	8 90
Northwestern National Insurance Co., insurance.....	<u>8 90</u>
	98 50
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., insecticides	5 55
Kentucky Tobacco Product Co., insecticides	<u>6 50</u>
	12 05
Cincinnati and Sub. Bell Tel. Co., telephones and patrol-boxes.....	189 21
Port Huron Salt Co., salt	9 30
Union Grain and Hay Co., salt	<u>39 00</u>
	48 30
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., glass	10 90
W. C. Peale & Bro., glass.....	<u>18 51</u>
	29 41
Jos. Heuermann, feed.....	98 34
H. J. Borgmann, feed	43 51
Early & Daniel, feed.....	624 99
Union Grain and Hay Co., feed	<u>95 63</u>
	862 47
Queen-City Supply Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	6 30
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	270 27
Wm. T. Johnston Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	2 00
Kruse & Bahlman Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	10 05
KPL Company, hardware, tools, etc	14 70
Evans Bros. Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	<u>6 13</u>
	309 45
Wm. C. Robinson Co., engine oil	11 44
Standard Oil Co., headlight oil and axle grease	6 07
Julius J. Bantlin, headlight oil and axle grease	<u>2 00</u>
	19 51
Bell-Smith Factory Supplies Co., waste	11 88
American Wagon Co., blacksmith and wagon repairs	15 25
Louis Schaefer, blacksmith and wagon repairs.....	63 00
Kisinger-Ison Co., sprinkler-caps.....	<u>2 00</u>
	80 25
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$23,028 24

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	23,028 24
Cambridge Tile Mfg. Co., flower-pots	26 46
Alms & Doeple Co., cheesecloth.....	2 11
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., sphagnum, manure, and } glazing points	7 41
Robt. A. Betz, hanging-baskets	3 00
New Jersey Moss and Peat Co., sphagnum	2 60
Wm. F. Kasting, soil pulverizer	<u>15 42</u>
	57 00
A. Janzen & Co., soap.....	10 62
J. B. Shotwell & Co., soap.....	<u>5 00</u>
	15 62
Hillsboro Stone Co., stone screeniugs	81 80
William Pollard, breaking stone.....	35 40
Edward Hausfeld, crushing stone	62 65
William Tracy, breaking stone	<u>20 55</u>
	200 40
McIlvain & Spiegel, steam-roller repairs	306 63
J. S. Plymesser, steam-rolier repairs	12 00
Kelly-Springfield Road-roller Co., steam-roller repairs	65 00
American Express Co., express charges on repairs.....	4 68
Bollman-Wilson Foundry Co., steam-roller repairs	2 39
Simmonds & Kuperle, steam-roller repairs	<u>101 66</u>
	492 36
Frank Egner, mops	3 00
P. DeRoo, brooms and scrub-brushes.....	11 05
Alms and Doeple Co., window-brushes.....	<u>2 30</u>
	16 35
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs	26 64
Edward J. Hanley, plumbing repairs	<u>80 59</u>
	107 23
Barron-Boyle Co., paint	49 52
John Kolbe Co., paint-brushes	<u>7 05</u>
	56 57
Blumenthal's Pharmacy, horse medicine.....	6 85
John Bailey, horse medicine.....	<u>15 00</u>
	21 85
P. S. Gilroy, potting soil and sod.....	
Perkins-Campbell Co., harness and harness repairs	33 12
Julius J. Bantlin Co., harness and harness repairs	<u>8 67</u>
	41 79
Pettibone Bros. Manufacturing Co., police badges and wreaths	
E. M. Bowen, roofing-tar.....	
Kohmescher & Co., hose	6 75
Cincinnati Mill and Mine Supply Co., hose	10 10
Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots	<u>84 78</u>
	101 53
West Disinfectant Co., disinfectant	
D. Rusconi, empty barrels	30 00
Martin Morris, teams	6 50
H. J. Conkling, lime, cement, and sewer-pipe	9 63
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., fountain spray	62 82
Mt. Adams Ice and Fuel Co., ice	15 00
Smith Sand Co., sand (greenhouse).....	14 50
Kelly Furniture and Carpet Co., stoves and pipe	3 00
John J. Bruce, grates	32 30
Chas. Lauterbach, building brick chimney	21 00
Chas. Lauterbach, building brick chimney	295 00
Moores-Coney Co., sand for chimney.....	<u>8 50</u>
	303 50
Novelty Sign Co., automobile signs	8 00
Chas. Lauterbach, walling-in boilers	331 50
J. A. Trautman & Co., dynamo at workshop	385 00
Total Cost of maintaining Eden Park in 1906	\$25,496 83



Springtime—Eden Park

BURNET WOODS:

Payrolls	9,112 65
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	131 44
Pickering Hardware Co., rings and bolts for cement dock ..	6 00
Moores-Coney Co., cement and gravel.....	150 48
John H. Bushelman, gravel for dock.....	<u>3 75</u> 160 23
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc	133 02
Scheve Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	12 00
Evans Bros. Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc..	<u>5 95</u> 150 97
Kohmescher & Co., hose.....	30 38
Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots	<u>11 30</u> 41 68
John Boehringer, horseshoeing	82 10
J. L. Schmalz, horseshoeing	<u>50 00</u> 132 10
Christian Bardes & Sons, tanbark	42 00
John Kolbe Co., turpentine, etc.....	4 38
Ira D. Washburn Co., paint and oil	<u>110 75</u> 115 13
Morrison & Snodgrass, horse-bedding.....	1 00
Early & Daniel, feed.....	541 83
J. Heuermann, feed.....	21 44
H. J. Borgmann, feed	28 02
Union Grain and Hay Co., feed.....	<u>59 31</u> 650 60
J. Schauffert & Co., plumbing repairs.....	91 40
J. D. Cloud, horse "Clifford"	200 00
Ice Delivery Co., ice	14 00
John Finn, blacksmith and wagon repairs	65 25
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	108 00
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel.....	3 25
Fairmont Coal Co., fuel.....	3 25
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	18 50
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel	<u>41 16</u> 66 16
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed	74 72
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stand	63 00
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	30 00
Emil J. Heckle, engineering services	45 00
Martin J. Morris, teams	27 00
Connecticut Fire Insurance Co., insurance	8 00
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance	8 00
Eureka Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance	8 00
American Central Insurance Co., insurance	8 00
Ohio Farmers Insurance Co., insurance	<u>8 00</u> 40 00
Intern'l Harvester Co. of America, repairs for mowing machine.....	8 45
Novelty Sign Co., automobile signs	12 00
John J. Bruce, gutter-grates and frame	8 19
Total Cost of maintaining Burnet Woods in 1906	<u>\$11,390 97</u>

LINCOLN PARK:

Payrolls	3,001 80
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing.....	26 10
Thos. J. O'Hara, plumbing	<u>108 25</u>
	134 35
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel.....	2 95
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	<u>3 00</u>
	5 95
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., bench-slats.....	7 20
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware	50
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	27 00
Rees E. McDuffie, paint.....	34 50
Detroit Graphite Co., paint.....	<u>16 10</u>
	50 60
Louis Kuertz, squirrels and houses	36 50
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed, etc.....	21 28
Herman Eggers, sprinkling.....	214 66
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stand.....	35 00
Schuster, Walters & Co., wiring band-stand.....	27 00
H. Von Behren, wire netting.....	4 73
Pickering Hardware Co., rings and bolts for dock.....	6 00
Moores-Coney Co., cement for dock	<u>92 00</u>
Total Cost of maintaining Lincoln Park in 1906	<u>\$3,664 57</u>

WASHINGTON PARK:

Payrolls	3,208 97
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel.....	2 95
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	<u>3 00</u>
	5 95
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed and insecticide	21 68
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	5 75
J. Wilder & Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	<u>16 25</u>
	22 00
H. Belmer & Co., wire fencing	3 23
Davis & Siehl, repairs to iron fence	<u>22 00</u>
	25 23
William Welsh, plumbing.....	30 50
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., fountain spray	15 00
E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing	<u>21 79</u>
	67 29
Marqua Carriage and Toy Co., wheels for truck.....	7 00
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod.....	20 00
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	25 92
Kleemeier Bros., sprinkling	150 00
John J. Bruce, grate.....	1 50
E. J. Heckle, engineering services	25 00
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	<u>22 50</u>
Total Cost of maintaining Washington Park in 1906	<u>\$3,603 04</u>

HOPKINS PARK:

Payrolls.....	768 99
Citizens' Street Sprinkling and Cleaning Co., sprinkling.....	<u>35 00</u>
Total Cost of maintaining Hopkins Park in 1906	<u>\$803 99</u>

AUBURN PLACE:

Payrolls	597 53
W. C. Peale & Bro., glass	2 25
Louis H. Bolce Co., glass	<u>9 00</u>
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	11 25
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware tools, etc.....	5 16
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware tools, etc.....	<u>1 40</u>
J. H. Kohmescher & Co., hose	6 56
Citizens' Street Sprinkling and Cleaning Co., sprinkling	13 50
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	35 00
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	<u>1 95</u>
Total Cost of maintaining Auburn Place in 1906.....	\$665 79

VINE AND HOLLISTER STREETS PARK:

Payrolls.....	617 14
J. H. Kohmescher & Co., hose	10 12
Citizens' Street Sprinkling and Cleaning Co., sprinkling	35 00
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	<u>4 20</u>
Total Cost of maintaining Vine and Hollister Streets Park in 1906.....	\$666 46

OWLS'-NEST PARK:

Payrolls	628 57
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc.....	<u>55</u>
Total Cost of maintaining Owls'-Nest Park in 1906.....	\$629 12

WILSON COMMON:

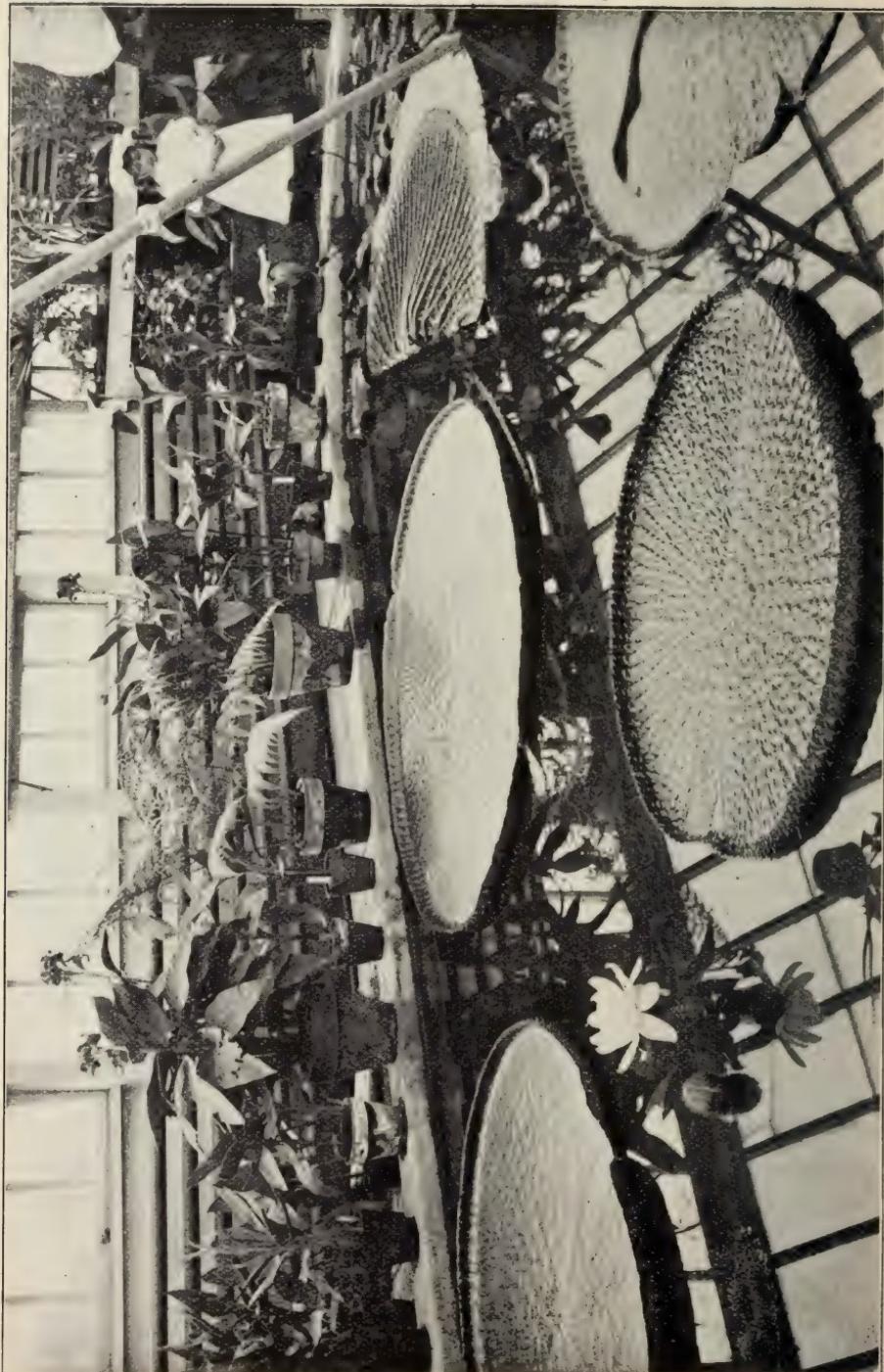
Payrolls	117 25
Trustee of the Ethan Stone estate, rent	15 10
Total Cost of maintaining Wilson Common in 1906	<u>\$132 35</u>

McKINLEY PLACE:

Payrolls	1,346 29
Kohmescher & Co., hose and rubber boots	11 55
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing	20 20
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	70 00
German-Russell Co., swing-stands.....	<u>45 10</u>
	146 85
Total Cost of maintaining McKinley Place in 1906	\$1,493 14

SUNDRY EXPENSES FOR ALL PARKS:

Fidelity and Deposit Co., premium on bonds	36 00
National Surety Co., premium on bonds	8 00
Banker's Surety Co., premium on bonds	<u>2 00</u>
	46 00
W. G. King-Dodds, veterinary services	15 00
G. F. Snider, veterinary services	15 00
J. T. Davis, veterinary services	<u>30 00</u>
	60 00
Henry Grenekamp, grading, etc.....	20 00
German-Russell Co., hardware for teeter-totters.....	3 29
Adolph Leue, labeling trees	240 00
Western Tin and Japan Co., tree labels.....	20 00
Total Sundry Expenses charged to all Parks in 1906	\$389 29



Victoria Regia
Eden-Park Greenhouses

EXPENSES INCIDENTAL to Office of Park Superintendent:

Payrolls (Superintendent of Parks and Stenographer)	3 285 00
George Welsh & Son, horsekeep.....	8 50
W. W. Truss, horsekeep	9 50
F. B. Maertz, horsekeep	85 25
B. & H. Meyer, horsekeep.....	179 35
Price-Hill Inclined Plane R. R. Co., freight tickets ..	<u>45 00</u>
	327 60
J. B. Wolsefer, harness repairs.....	1 00
Chas. E. Coleman, horseshoeing	2 00
L. Lohr & Co., horseshoeing	21 25
Ryan Bros., horseshoeing	21 75
Otto Weber, horseshoeing	5 00
G. S. Ellis & Son, horseshoeing	<u>2 40</u>
	52 40
John Shillito Co., carriage-robe	4 00
S. G. Ellis Sons Co., horse-cover, etc.....	<u>15 00</u>
	19 00
Bode Wagon Co., buggy repairs	38 20
J. J. Hanrahan, buggy repairs	5 00
Chas. Behlen Sons Co., buggy repairs	<u>109 50</u>
	152 70
J. W. Rodgers, sundry small bills.....	84 90
J. W. Rodgers, Park Superintendents' Convention	<u>103 00</u>
	187 90
Total Expense Incidental to Office of Sup't of Parks in 1906	<u>\$4,025 60</u>

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH OFFICE:

August Langermann, newspaper.....	2 10
H Boesche, newspaper.....	<u>6 90</u>
	9 00
Western Union Telegraph Co., clock rental	12 00
Bradley & Sorin Co., account books, diaries, and portfolios.....	39 95
Sellers, Davis & Co., bond paper ..	2 50
Enquirer Co., postage.....	24 00
U. P. James, botanical books.....	22 20
Williams Directory Co., City Directory	6 00
Kealy Bros., cleaning walls of office	20 00
Thayer Co., cleaning rugs in office ..	2 75
Pounsford Stationary Co., pens, pencils, etc.....	3 75
Globe-Wernicke Co., desk and section of bookcase	68 25
Roessler Bros., printing report	151 60
City and Suburban Bell Telephone Co., office telephone	45 00
City and Suburban Bell Telephone Co., residence telephone	21 00
Standard Electric Co., electric fan	8 75
George B. Meyer, fixing locks and new keys.....	<u>1 80</u>
Total Expenses charged to Office Supplies, etc. during 1906	<u>\$438 55</u>

\$25,000 PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1906	<u>\$3,050 30</u>
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EXPENDITURES

Repairs to all park buildings.....	467 06
Retaining-walls.....	20 00
New boilers, park benches, and road materials	<u>2,469 17</u> 2,956 23
Balance on hand December 31, 1906.....	<u>94 07</u>
	<u><u>\$3,050 30</u></u>

TYLER DAVIDSON FOUNTAIN FUND

RECEIPTS

Received from taxes	<u>\$1,500 00</u>
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EXPENDITURES

Payrolls of fountain tenders	1,414 00
Alms & Doeple Co., brushes, brooms, etc.....	5 13
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., repairs to fountain.....	2 35
German-Russell Co., repairing valve	5 95
J. W. Rodgers, brooms, bucket, etc. (cash paid)	4 16
A. Janszen & Co., mops.....	<u>2 25</u> 1,433 84
Balance on hand December 31, 1906.....	<u>66 16</u>
	<u><u>\$1,500 00</u></u>

WASHINGTON PARK RESTORATION FUND

(FALL FESTIVAL)

RECEIPTS

Received check from Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, pro-	
ceeds of which are to be used in putting Washington Park }	<u>\$600 00</u>
in same condition it was in previous to the Fall Festival of 1906	

EXPENDITURES

Payrolls from week ending Oct. 4 to week ending Nov. 8, 1906	540 09
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed.....	22 00
Peter Heckmann, sod	<u>16 00</u> 578 09
Balance on hand December 31, 1906, to be expended later.....	<u>21 91</u>
	<u><u>\$600 00</u></u>

PARK EXTENSION FUND

This is a Review of all the Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of Bonds under the Longworth Act for the purpose of purchasing and improving New Park Property

RECEIPTS

1904—Received from sale of Park Extension bonds.....	500,000 00
Received from premium and interest from sale of bonds.....	67,116 48
Received from sale of houses at Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore	<u>126 00</u>
	567,242 48
1905—Received from sale of houses.....	3,872 50
Received from rent of houses.....	882 50
Received from sale of Park Extension bonds.....	350,000 00
Received from accrued interest on Park Extension bonds.....	656 25
Received from premium on Park Extension bonds.....	<u>1,074 08</u>
	356,485 33
1906—Received from sale of Park Extension bonds	20,000 00
Total receipts to December 31, 1906.....	<u>\$943,727 81</u>

EXPENDITURES

1904—Bond issue expenses, printing and advertising.....	519 15
1905—Bond issue expenses, printing and advertising.....	<u>936 14</u>
	1,455 29
1904—Sinking Fund Trustees, premiums and accrued interest on \$500,000 Park Extension bonds.....	<u>67,116 48</u>
1905—Sinking Fund Trustees, premiums and accrued interest on \$350,000 Park Extension bonds.....	<u>1,730 33</u>
Sinking Fund Trustees, turned over, according to law, receipts from sale of and rent from houses, less expense connected with care of same before they were disposed of.....	<u>4,509 06</u>
	<u>73,355 87</u>
Total expense connected with issue of Park Extension bonds.....	74,811 16

Ordinance No. 672, passed by Council, providing a fund of \$5,000 to pay for surveys, plans, and other expenses connected with the acquisition of new park property:

1904—Payrolls of engineers and rodmen.....	253 93
Car-tickets, sheet plats, and level	<u>113 50</u>
	367 43
1905—Payroll of engineers and rodmen.....	3,763 08
Surveying instruments and materials, card index, blue prints, car-tickets, printing, etc.....	<u>360 11</u>
	4,123 19
1906—Payrolls of engineer and rodmen.....	96 64
Stakes, transit repairs, etc.....	<u>40 00</u>
	136 64
Total expense connected with engineers, surveys, etc	<u>4,627 26</u>
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$79,438 42</u>



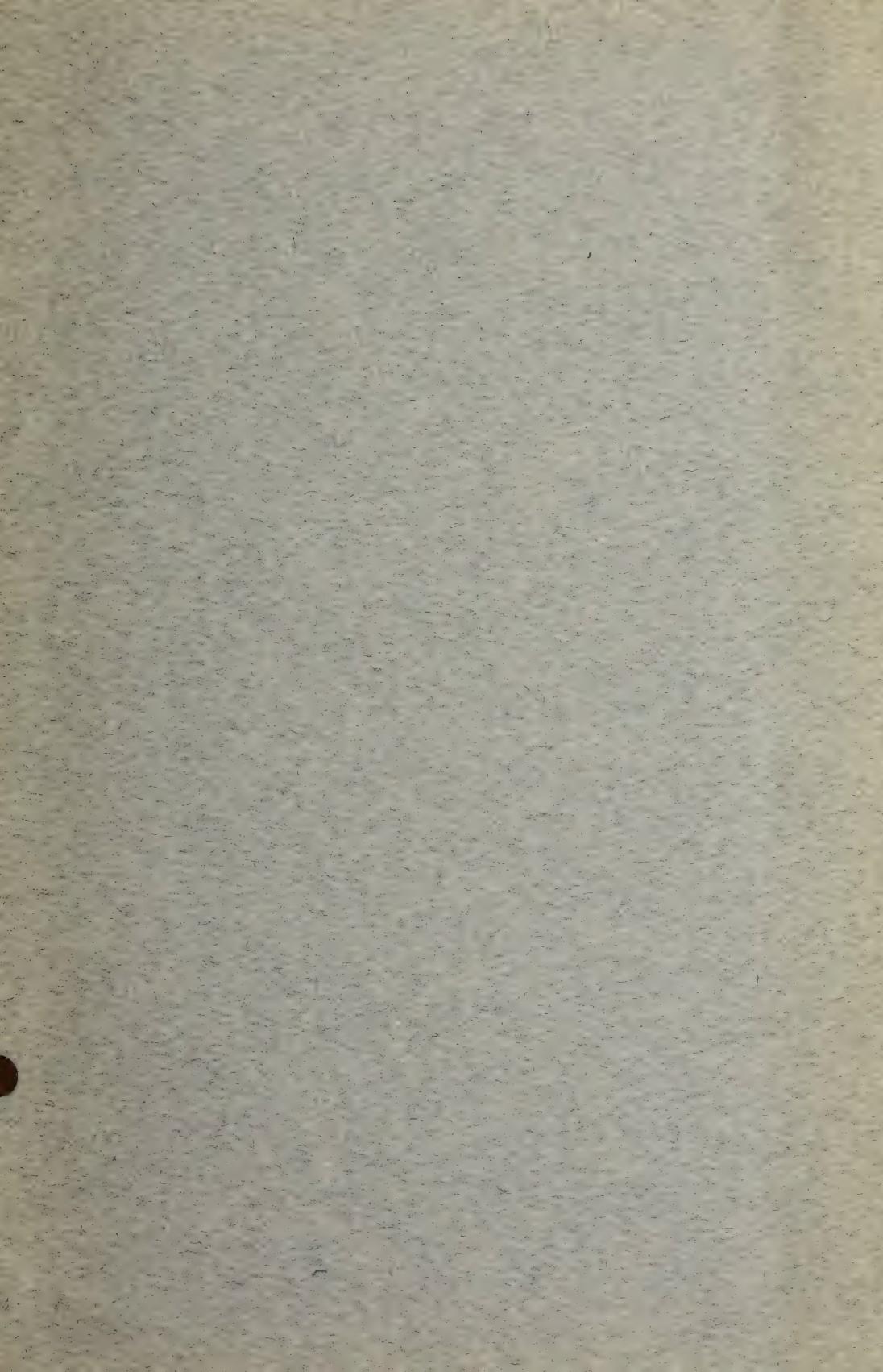
<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	79,438 42
1901—Vine and Hollister Streets Park property	11,419 82
1905—Vine and Hollister Streets Park property.....	<u>10 00</u> 14,429 82
1904—Improvement to Vine and Hollister Streets Park} property	2,156 35
1905—Improvement to Vine and Hollister Streets Park} property.....	3,875 90
1906—Improvement to Vine and Hollister Streets Park} property	<u>12 25</u> 6,044 50
Total cost of Vine and Hollister Streets Park.....	20,474 32
1904—Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park property....	1,095 00
1905—Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park property....	<u>785 27</u> 1,880 27
1906—Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road} Park property	<u>555 00</u>
Total cost of Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park.....	2,435 27
1904—East-End Park property.....	36,415 42
1905—East-End Park property.....	<u>140 00</u>
Total cost of East-End Park property.....	36,555 42
1904—Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Corner property.....	12,150 00
1905—Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Corner property.....	<u>174 90</u> 12,324 90
1904—Improvement to Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Cor-} ner property	386 53
Total cost of Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Corner.....	12,711 43
1904—Lytle Park property	130 00
1905—Lytle Park property.....	<u>242,768 31</u> 242,898 31
1905—Improvement to Lytle Park.....	1,752 39
1906—Improvement to Lytle Park.....	<u>1,320 42</u> 3,072 81
Total cost of Lytle Park.....	245,971 12
1904—Calhoun Street property	260 00
1905—Calhoun Street property	71,052 69
1906—Calhoun Street property	<u>216 22</u> 71,528 91
1905—Improvement to Calhoun Street property.....	1,171 68
1906—Improvement to Calhoun Street property.....	<u>2,040 63</u> 3,212 31
Total cost of Calhoun Street extension.....	74,741 22
1904—McKinley Place property.....	120 00
1905—McKinley Place property.....	<u>50,574 39</u> 50,694 39
1905—Improvement to McKinley Place	5,052 44
1906—Improvement to McKinley Place.....	<u>14 00</u> 5,066 44
Total cost of McKinley Place.....	55,760 83
1904—Auburn Place property	110 00
1905—Auburn Place property.....	<u>21,445 15</u> 21,555 15
1905—Improvement to Auburn Place property.....	4,774 80
1906—Improvement to Auburn Place property.....	<u>67 80</u> 4,842 60
Total cost of Auburn Place.....	26,397 75
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$564,485 78

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	554,485 78
1905—Owls'-Nest Park, taxes and recording deed.....	382 83
1905—Improvement to Owls'- Nest Park property.....	168 00
1906—Improvement to Owls'-Nest Park property.....	<u>10 28</u>
	<u>178 28</u>
Total cost of Owls'- Nest Park.....	561 11
1905—Wilson Common, taxes and recording deed.....	174 55
1905—Fourth, Fifth, Park, and Mill Streets property, examination of title...	390 00
1905—Hunt Street Park property.....	247,725 80
1906—Hunt Street Park property.....	<u>67 33</u>
	<u>247,793 13</u>
1905—Improvement to Hunt Street Park property.....	5,697 92
1906—Improvement to Hunt Street Park property.....	<u>1,556 89</u>
	<u>7,254 81</u>
Total cost of Hunt Street Park property.....	255,047 94
1905—Inwood Park property.....	210 00
1906—Inwood Park property.....	<u>104,928 59</u>
Total cost of Inwood Park property	105,138 59
1905—Barr, Kenyon, Mound, and Cutter Streets property.....	520 00
1905—Ludlow Avenue triangle... ..	120 00
1905—Hubbard Tract.....	30 0
1905—Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of } new parks.....	<u>536 11</u>
1906—Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of } new parks	<u>3 15</u>
	<u>539 26</u>
1905—Miscellaneous improvements to new parks.....	<u>390 00</u>
Total miscellaneous expenses for property and improvements to same..	929 26
1906—Columbia Avenue Park property.....	2 00
1906—Expenses of Park Commission.....	<u>1,834 47</u>
Total amount spent from Park Extension Fund to Dec. 31, 1906.....	919,233 70
Balance on hand December 31, 1906.....	<u>24,494 11</u>
	<u>\$943,727 81</u>

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BURNET WOODS LAKE



PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1908.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Service:

GENTLEMEN — In accordance with the requirements of your honorable board I take pleasure in submitting to you a report of the proceedings in the Park Department for the past year.

Owing to the lack of money in the Park Improvement Fund, the placing in condition of new park property has been greatly delayed. This state of affairs should not exist because of the fact that the cessation of needed improvements and innovations causes the general public to grow apathetic concerning the welfare of the parks of our city.

If there could be provided a fund of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 per annum for the improvement of new and existing park properties, this expenditure could be used along a definitely prepared plan, and our parks would soon become a splendid feature of the city government. With the above-named sum of money available each year for some four or five years, adequate shelter-houses could be built in the existing parks, comfort facilities provided, and additional necessary roadways built, as well as the unkept places resurfaced and graded where it has been found to be necessary in both Burnet Woods and Eden Park, especially in a number of the more conspicuous places where it has become an absolute necessity.

Water mains so badly needed along all the driveways in the large parks could also be laid, making it possible to have hose connections at intervals of from one to two hundred feet, thus giving the department an opportunity to keep the lawns thor-

oughly watered, which would add wonderfully to the appearance and to the comfort of those who visit the park for recreation from time to time.

A complete planting of trees and shrubs on the slopes of Eden Park facing the river would answer a double purpose—first, from an economic view, the holding of ground on the rugged places by the intertwining of roots in the soil, thereby preventing entirely the sloughing-off of the steep slope that is continually precipitating into Columbia Avenue; and, secondly, making a greatly enhanced appearance, especially from the river, which alone would amply repay the department for the expenditure.

If the sloughing-off was prevented by the planting of this slope, it would abate one of the most trying annoyances the department has had to contend with during the past number of years in having one damage suit after another every time there is a heavy rain.

The small amount of land lying between present park property and Columbia Avenue prompts me to recommend to your honorable board the acquisition of all the property adjacent to Eden Park and extending to Columbia Avenue. This would bring to an end all litigation of property-holders for damages caused by landslides. With the acquisition of this property and the accomplishing of the above-named embellishment, in conjunction with resurfacing and sodding of various places throughout Eden Park, all of which could be done for a sum not to exceed \$100,000, Cincinnati would have in Eden Park one of the most beautiful parks in this country.

One of the innovations most needed in the Park Department is a municipal nursery. I would recommend to your honorable board that a lease be made of some ten acres of ground suitably located for nursery purposes. At this nursery could be cultivated and grown to plantable size sufficient shrubs and trees to plant from twenty to twenty-five thousand plants each year in the different parks from two to three years after seeds and cuttings were placed in the ground. This method of providing trees and shrubs has been successfully carried out in the cities of Boston, Detroit and Cleveland.

The thousands of trees and shrubs grown by these cities in their own nurseries prompts me to be more persistent in trying to establish a municipal nursery in Cincinnati.

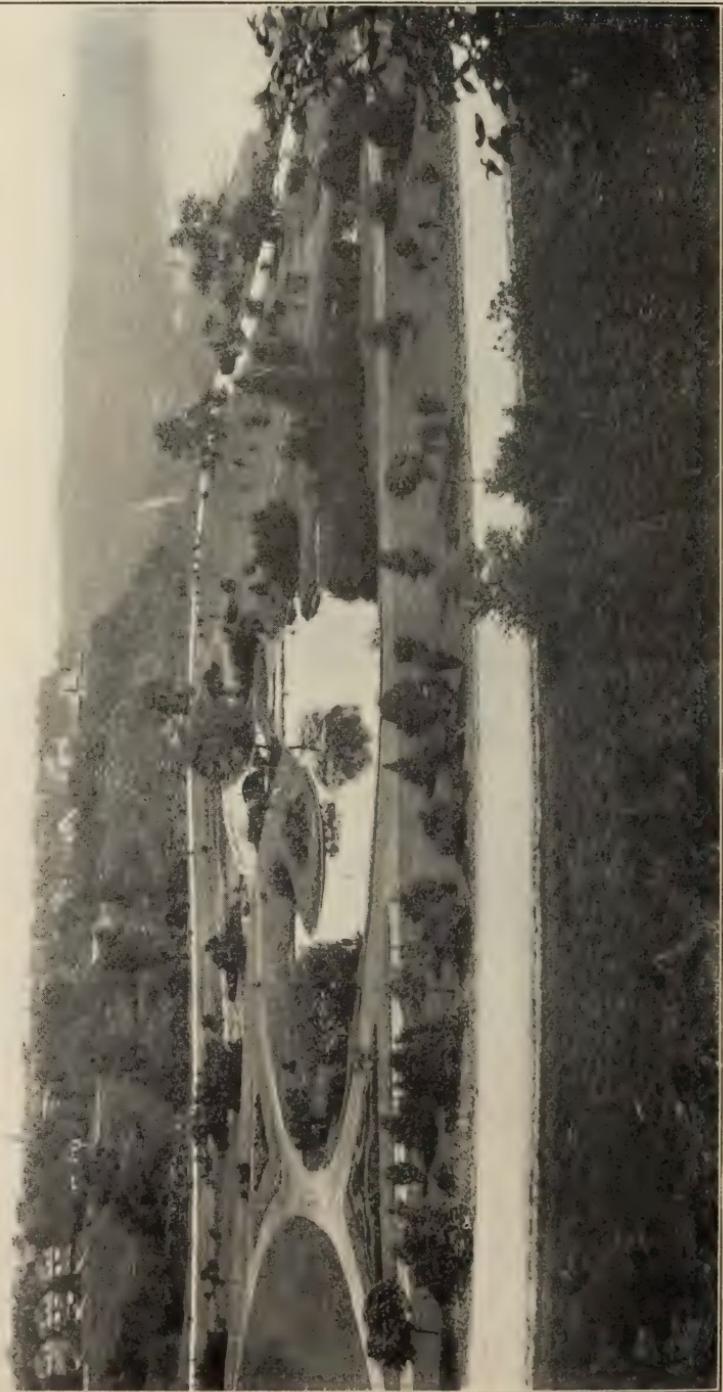
There were planted in the different parks during the past year 6,013 trees and shrubs, and among them there were about twenty new varieties of trees that had not, up to that time, been introduced into our parks. This gives us a total of over one hundred varieties of trees. The total cost of the above-mentioned number of trees and shrubs placed on the track at the Baldwin switch was \$1,387.64. Adding to this seventy-five cents apiece for planting brings the cost of trees and shrubs planted this year up to \$4,507.75, which result shows one of the strongest arguments in favor of a municipal nursery, as the stock we obtained was not of the class we should like to have placed in the parks, but we are compelled to take just what nurserymen see fit to give us.

An experiment was made during the past year in planting *Kalmia latifolia* in Burnet Woods and Eden Park. This shrub has never proven a success this far north, especially when planted in limestone soil. The results of this planting have been carefully noted, and thus far conditions are very gratifying. As this is the largest planting of *Kalmia* made in this part of the country, the experiment is watched very closely by horticulturists generally. If the same favorable results shown up to this time continue, we shall feel justified in a much more extensive planting of this evergreen shrub.

Close observation during the past year shows that through the establishment of playgrounds at each of the parks in as far as it is feasible, a great amount of good can be derived, not only from the recreation the children receive there, but from the fact that learning to play games keeps their minds occupied; and from reports I hear, whenever playgrounds are established even on a small scale, the children are much less trouble to the neighborhood. This being a fact, I am prompted to recommend that at least thirty per centum of the money provided for improvements in the parks should go exclusively for children's playgrounds.

As the Park Department continues to grow we find that nurseries are becoming inadequate to supply the demands at

IMPROVEMENT LURAY AVENUE PORTION EDEN PARK



all times of the year. There are large numbers of splendid varieties of plants that we could place in our greenhouses which would prove very educational, from a botanical standpoint, to the public, and make of the park a much more attractive place for the people to spend leisure moments, or students to become more conversant with the practical side of botany, and this being the case, it will be but a short time when this department will have to build a much more commodious conservatory. Experience prompts me to recommend that this be placed in a much more conspicuous place than the one at Eden Park, as by placing it near a street car line it can be reached by persons wishing to study the plants as well as by those wishing to enjoy the beauty of the blooming flowers and the refreshing display of beautiful green tropical plants.

Eden Park

The early part of the year was spent in resurfacing the drives and walks in this park. There was placed about 520 cubic yards of broken stone and 295 cubic yards of screenings on the drives in this park, which were very thoroughly saturated and rolled with a heavy steam-roller, using the most modern methods of resurfacing possible to obtain a smooth and lasting surface.

This was followed up with the application of an oil, soap and water emulsion to allay the dust, which proved highly satisfactory, the application being made at a cost of three-tenths of a cent per square yard.

The emulsion used on the park drives is prepared as follows:

100 gallons Ragland District crude oil,
50 gallons water,
25 pounds soap.

The soap and water are boiled vigorously for thirty minutes, when the oil is turned into the mixture and boiled until the whole has thoroughly coalesced. It is then used as a base, taking 10 per centum (or 50 gallons) of the mixture to 500 gallons of water and applying it to the surface of the road

with an ordinary sprinkling-cart. This application was tested out with an application of crude oil, and the result was greatly in favor of the emulsion. In the first place, the cost of applying crude oil is from five to seven cents per square yard, and the odor is almost unbearable. Furthermore, traffic is delayed in using crude oil at least one to two weeks after application is made, whereas, using an oil, soap and water emulsion, the soap kills the offensive odor, and by leaving the accumulated dust on the road the emulsion is so readily absorbed that traffic is not interfered with.

Comparing the method of sprinkling with water with that of using an oil emulsion, the fact that it requires the time of a man with a sprinkling-cart every day of the summer months to keep the dust laid during the day with water, while it requires but two days to make an application of oil the entire length of the driveways in Eden Park, which will last for at least two months, shows the oil emulsion to be much less expensive, and far more satisfactory as a dust-layer.

There was planted in Eden Park several hundred trees and shrubs during the planting season, all of which have done remarkably well as far as the growth is concerned, but a large number have been wantonly destroyed by either vicious persons or mischievous boys. This feature of destruction, to my mind, will continue as long as the parks are patroled by men who have become superannuated in other walks of life and are able to do nothing but a watchman's duty, where it requires but little work. Any patrol duty that falls upon them finds their strength not equal to the occasion.

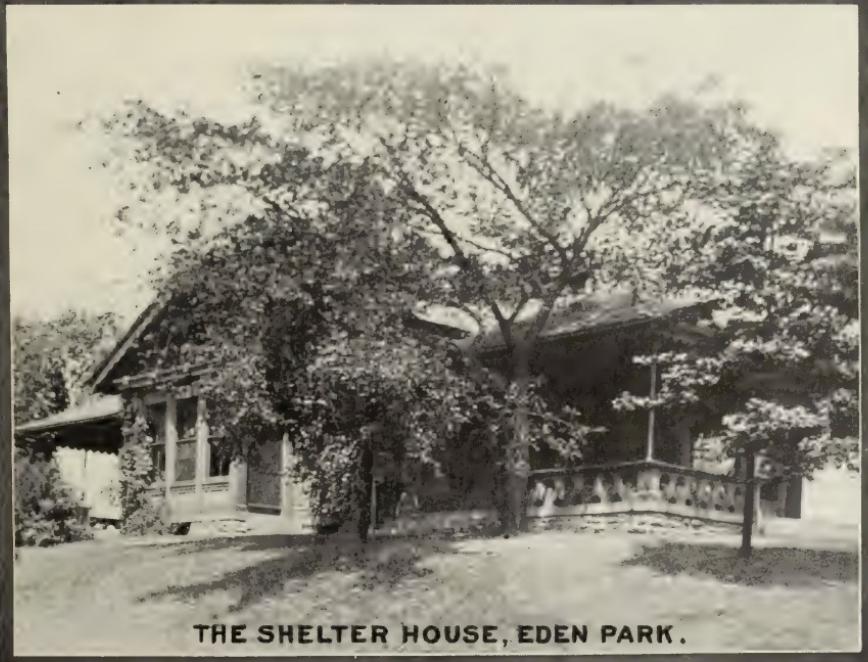
The entire surface of Eden Park was sown with a special mixture of grass-seed, the formula of which follows:

5	pounds	bluegrass,
5	"	redtop,
3	"	perennial rye,
1	"	white clover.

The grass was kept cut in a neat manner during the summer, and the raking of leaves, trimming of trees, planting of flowers and various other park housekeeping duties were per-



BAND STAND, EDEN PARK.



THE SHELTER HOUSE, EDEN PARK.

formed in a very workmanlike manner under the able foremanship of Mr. Louis Moller.

The workshop, wagon-sheds and stable, as well as the greenhouses, were all painted in appropriate colors. Some two hundred benches were supplied, most of which were placed near the band-stand.

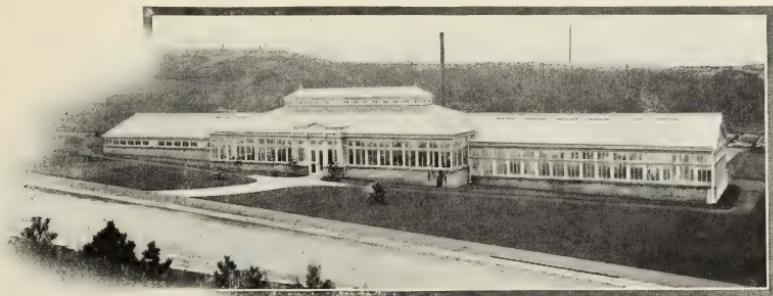
The music for the concerts at Eden Park, under the Schmidlapp Eden-Park Sunday Concert Fund, was furnished by John C. Weber's Grand Orchestra and Military Band, and the programs rendered were of the very highest class. There were thousands of attentive, music-loving people drawn to the park by these concerts each Sunday during the entire season. No doubt the music was the means of bringing to this beautiful park numbers of people who would never otherwise have an incentive to visit there, being unaware of any attraction other than the music.

It is estimated by persons who frequent Eden Park from time to time that the largest crowd ever assembled in this park for any special occasion was drawn there to hear the vocal concert given under the direction of Prof. Oscar Ehrgott, who furnished a chorus of two hundred voices free of charge to this department, rendering the chorus, "Heavens are Telling," from "The Creation;" the "Hallelujah" chorus from "The Messiah," by Haendel; and "Unfold, Ye Portals," from "The Redemption," by Gounod. It is hoped, since this concert was so much appreciated, as attested by the enthusiasm shown by the large, music-loving audience, that there could be some provision made whereby several vocal concerts could be given each year in the Park Department, preferably at Eden Park or Burnet Woods. Thus far the funds have not been found to carry out this thought, and the hope of further vocal concerts without funds is somewhat remote, because of the fact that quite a sum of money is needed for the orchestration, as well as for the scores used by the chorus. It is estimated that to give one of these concerts would cost at least \$200.00. The department is greatly indebted to Professor Ehrgott, as it was due to him that such a concert was possible, and to his untiring efforts that it was a success.

In order that more ruralistic conditions might be provided around the band-stand at Eden Park, the macadam south of the band-stand was removed and a complete planting of trees arranged there instead, which has given a very embellished appearance and provided more useful conditions as well, since the shade-trees have made it possible for the audience to move nearer the band-stand. The removal of the macadam also makes it prohibitive for vehicles to constantly encircle the band-stand, which condition was formerly a source of great annoyance.

Miss Anne S. Hall donated a drinking-fountain which was placed on Gilbert Avenue, near Morris Street. This fountain was erected in commemoration of Miss Hall's mother, Mercy A. Hall, who was greatly devoted to animals, especially to horses, and was conveniently placed that horses coming up Gilbert Avenue with heavy loads might have a chance to get a refreshing drink.

This fountain serves as a means of refreshment for many way-worn pedestrians, who take advantage of the gift to quaff the cooling water. Small animals have also been provided for as well as horses.



Floricultural Department

Conservatories are a valuable asset to a park department, as is demonstrated by the use made of the Eden Park greenhouses by instructors in botany in the High Schools and in the University of Cincinnati, the teachers frequently bringing their classes there to study the practical side of botany. Professor Benedict has, through the courtesy of this department,

made tests in germinating seeds by different cultural methods, which shows another practical educational use Cincinnati derives from its conservatories.

There has been added to the splendid collection of plants here during the past year some 380 palms in variety, and some three dozen ferns, as also some twenty distinct varieties of Croton, which latter purchase gives this department the largest and best collection of Crotons in the country. There was also added twenty varieties of Canna, six of which varieties were found to be the finest flowering and most desirable bedding Canna ever introduced in this city. Twenty-five named varieties of Chrysanthemum were secured in addition to the splendid list that was being grown in the collection at the greenhouse, as well as several plants of Dracæna.

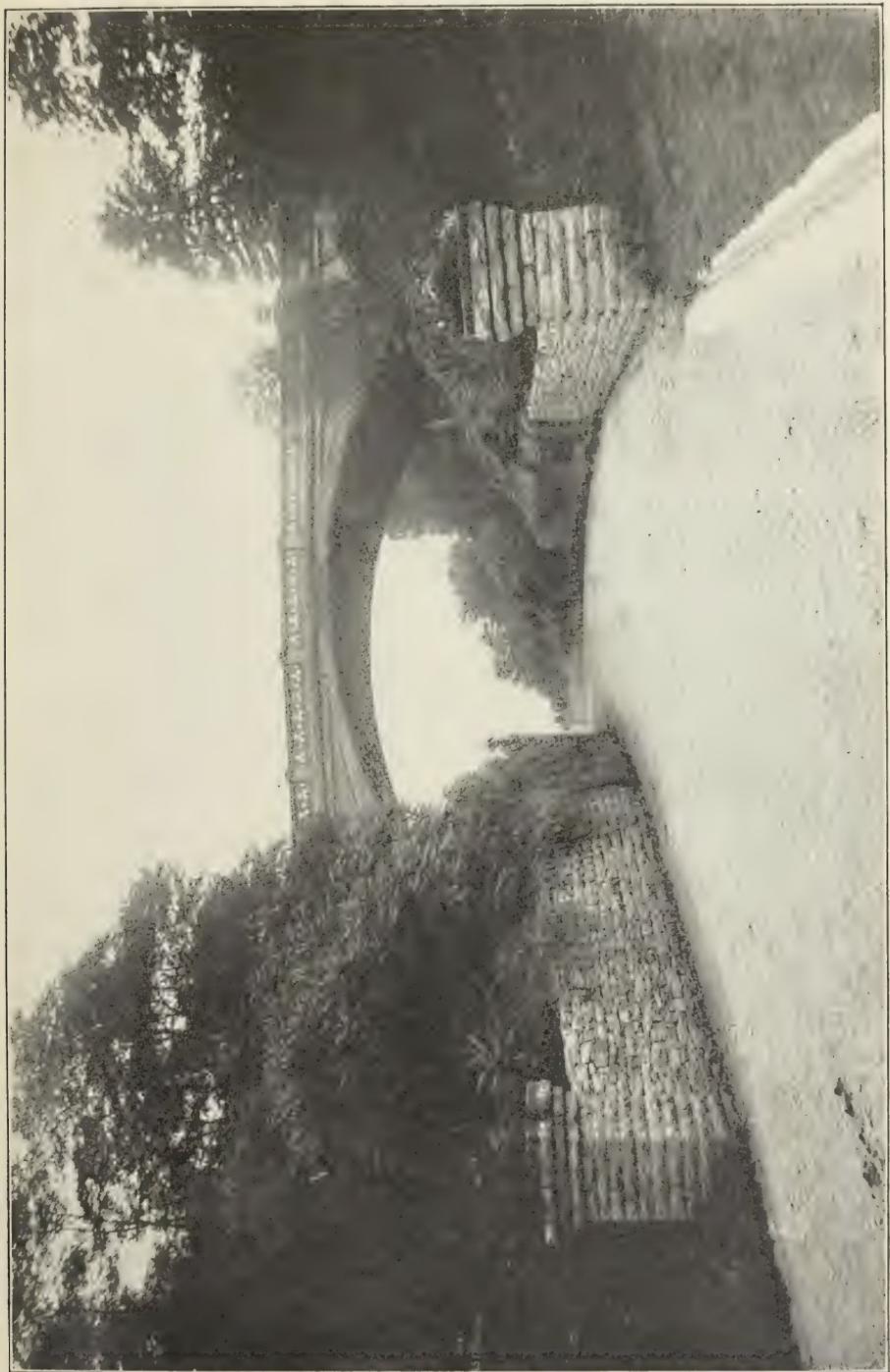
While in Philadelphia an opportunity presented itself to purchase a fine collection of orchids, and seventy-eight specimens of the very best varieties were chosen, placing this department in possession of the finest collection of orchids west of Philadelphia.

The greenhouses at Eden Park are a source of great pleasure to hundreds of persons visiting the city, as well as to the residents. It is estimated that as high as 5,000 people visit the greenhouses on Sundays during the summer months, and there is never a day but hundreds of people go there to visit the beautiful plants, while some make botanical study of specimens, as there are hundreds of varieties to be found at this place.

The class of plants used and the diversified arrangement makes of the formal garden located just south of the greenhouse one of the most attractive formal plantings to be found in this country.

There were grown at the conservatories this year some 200,000 bedding plants, which supplied all of the parks amply. In fact, the carpet bedding and exotic plantings in our down-town parks has grown to be quite a feature of the park work. The public has become accustomed to seeing plants, and the immediate neighborhood requests, and sometimes really demands, that blooming plants be placed in the small parks of the down-town districts.

CONCRETE ARCH—EDEN PARK



After supplying the parks, the department furnished the public schools having room for plants, the fire departments, the workhouse and other city institutions amply with flowers, and as there was still remaining a quantity of plants, the foreman at the greenhouse was instructed to distribute them among the poor families of the city calling for same, that they might embellish their homes and surroundings. This, as a matter of fact, would produce a pleasing and embellished condition for those who could in no other way avail themselves of the pleasure of possessing flowers or plants. Reports received by this office prove that plants thus given away were a source of great happiness, especially to mothers and little children.

One of the new features in the floricultural department was the growing of large quantities of water-lilies. There were placed in the lakes at Eden, Washington and Lincoln parks the newest and best-tested, varieties of Victoria, Nymphaea and Nelumbium, as well as such plants as water hyacinth and parrott's feather—thus giving this department a rare and beautiful collection of aquatics. The Victoria regia at the basin in the greenhouse did much better than usual, blooming constantly from July to late fall. With careful attention this year these aquatics will become one of the striking features of the floricultural department from this time on.

A list of the different varieties of plants, trees, shrubs, etc., purchased during the past year follows:

ORCHIDS—

- Cattleya citrina
- " Trianæ
- " Schroederæ
- " speciosissima
- " Percivaliana
- " Skinneri
- " labiata
- " Mossiæ
- " Gaskelliana
- " gigos
- " chrysotoxa
- " Harrisoniæ

- Laelia anceps*
 " *majalis*
 " *Autumnalis*
 " *elegans*
 " *Dayana*
Epidendrum vitellinum majus
 " *nemorale*
Oncidium Marshallianum
 " *tigrinum*
 " *crispum*
 " *ornithorynchum*
 " *curtum*
 " *flexuosum*
 " *varicosum Rogersii*
Odontoglossum Reichenheimii
 " *citrosum*
 " *grande*
Miltonia cuneata
 " *candida*
 " *Clowesii*
 " *Morelliana*
 " *Regnellii*
Chysis bractescens
Calantha Veitchii
Lycaste Skinnerii
Cymbidium eburneum
Vanda teres
 " *Kimballiana*
 " *suavis*
Brassia Lawrenceana longissima
Dendrobium densiflorum
Cypripedium Dominianum
 " *Io grandis*
 " *cleola*
 " *longifolium*
 " *cardinale*
 " *Curtisii*
 " *Tonso-Charlesworthii*

FLOWER SEEDS—

- Centaurea imperialis, mixed*
 " *gymnocarpa*
Petunia, single, mixed
 " *double, mixed*

Vinca alba
 " rosea
 Pansy Tremardean
 " auriculaeflora
 " snowflake
 " Adonis
 " Golden Glow
 " Emperor William
 Calceolaria hybrida grand
 " tigrina
 Primula alba magnifica
 " Cheswick Red
 " Rosy Morn
 " obconica fimbriata
 " Forbesi
 Cineraria hybrida
 " choice dwarf
 Cyclamen, mixed

WATER-LILIES AND PLANTS—

Nymphaea alba Gladstoniana
 " Marliacea albida
 " Robinsoni
 " tuberosa
 " " rosea
 " Capensis
 " coerulea
 " Deaniiana
 " Devoniensis
 " dentata
 " Frank Trealease
 " Geo. Huster
 " Sturtevanti
 " William Stone
 Victoria regia
 " Trickeri
 Water Hyacinth
 Water Poppies
 Parrot's Feather

PALMS, FERNS AND OTHER GREENHOUSE PLANTS—

Crotons—20 varieties
 Festuca glauca
 Chrysanthemums—25 varieties
 Begonia Rex—20 varieties
 Flowering Begonias—20 varieties

Begonias—species from China
Carex Japonica variegata
Rosa rondiflora
Acacia pubscens
Passiflora princeps
Ficus pandurata
 " *radicans variagata*
Dracena Goldeana
 " *Massangeana*
Fittonia
Spheroxyne latifolia.
Maranta rosea lineata
 " *Sanderi*
 " *vittati*
 " *Kimmeriana*
 " *Governiana*
Lilium album
 " *rubrum*
 " *giganteum*
Freesia
Canna—11 varieties
Phoenix reclinata
Kentia Belmoreana
 " *Forsteriana*
Areca lutescens
Latania Borbonica
Araucaria excelsa
Bactris Major
Cocos
Davallia
Dicksonia antarctica
Nephrolepis Whitmani
 " *Todeoides*
 " *amorpohli*

TREES AND SHRUBS—

Acer pseudo-platanus
 " *Dasycarpum*, var. *Wieri laciniatum*
 " *platanooides*
 " " var. *Schwedlerii*
 " " var. *Michigan Red*
 " *Negundo*
 " *Colchicum*, var. *rubrum*
 " *saccharinum*
 " *Pennsylvanicum*
Aesculus Hippocastanum
 " " var. *flore pleno*

- Aesculus Hippocastanum*, var. *rubicunda*
 " *flava*
Azalea viscosa
Betula alba
 " " *fastigata*
 " " var. *laciniata pendula*
Cornus florida
 " " var. *pendula*
 " " var. *rubra*
 " " *alternifolia*
 " " *alba*, var. *Spæthi aurea*
 " " *Siberica*
 " " var. *marginalis*
 " " *Mascula*
 " " var. *variegata*
Crateagus oxyacantha, var. *alba flore pleno*
 " " var. *rosea flore pleno*
 " " *coccinea*
 " " *cordata*
 " " *Crus-Galli*
Deutzia crenata, var. *Pride of Rochester*
 " " var. *rosea pleno*
 " " *Lemoinei*
 " " *gracilis*
Fagus heterophylla
 " " *sylvatica*, var. *purpurea*
 " " var. *pendula*
Larix Europea
Amygdalus communis, var. *alba flore pleno*
 " " var. *rosea flore pleno*
Amorpha fragrans
Chionanthus Virginica
Clethra alnifolia
Kerria Japonica
 " " var. *flore pleno*
 " " var. *aurea variegata*
Dirca palustris
Elæagnus longipes
 " " *umbellata*
Exochorda grandiflora
Nyssa multiflora
Forsythia Fortunei
 " " *suspensa*
Halesia tetraptera
Magnolia acuminata
 " " *Soulangeana*

- Morus nigra
 " " var. Tatarica pendula
 " " alba
Pyrus Parkmani
 " loensis, var. Bechteli
Quercus Phellos
 " imbricaria
 " fastigiata viridis
 " alba
 " prinus
 " palustris
 " coccinea
Ailanthus glandulosa
Salix Babylonica
 " caprea, var. pendula
Cercis Canadensis
Phellodendron amurense
Catalpa speciosa
 " Bungei
Hamamelis Virginica
Viburnum opulus, var. sterilis
 " plicatum
Lonicera Tartarica
 " fragrantissima
Yucca filamentosa
Liquidambar styrachiflua
Fraxinus nigra
 " alba
Cypress Taxodium distichum
Picea pungens, var. glauca
 " excelsa
Hydrangea paniculata
 " " var. grandiflora
 " " arborescens graniflora alba
Baby Rambler Rose
Japanese Maples
Kalmia latifolia
Carya olivaeformis
Castanea Americana
Platanus occidentalis
Tilia vulgaris, var. rubra
 " Americana
Juglans cinera
 " nigra
Diervilla florida candida
 " " var. nana variegata

- Diervilla rosca
 " hybrida Eva Rathke
Spirea Van Houttei
 " Anthony Waterer
 " arguta
 " collosa, var. alba
 " Bumalda
Philadelphus grandiflorus
 " foliis aureis
 " coronarius
Tamarix indica
Symphoricarpos vulgaris
 " racemosus
Hibiscus syriacus, var. totus albus
 " " var. pæniflora plena
 " " var. speciosa plena
 " " var. purpurea
Caragana arborescens
Hypericum densiflorum
Sambucus nigra, var. aurea
Berberis Thunbergii
 " vulgaris
 " " var. purpurea
Prunus Pissardi
 " triloba
Hippopæ Rhamoides
Syringa vulgaris
 " " var. alba
Ribes floridum
Rhodotypos Kerriodides
Celastrus scandens
Cydonia Japonica
Ilex crenata
Corchorus variegata
Corylus avellana, var. atropurpurea
Kohlrreutaria paniculata
Euonymus Americanus obovatus
Ptelia trifoliata
Rhus cotinus
Mahonia aquifolia
Ulmus scabra, var. pendula
Sorbus aucuparia
Thuya occidentalis
Salisburia adiantifolia
Tsuga Canadensis
Juniperus communis, var. Hibernica
Ligustrum vulgare



Woods SCENE—BURNET Woods

Burnet Woods

The winter months were spent in trimming trees and placing the forest in a more primitive condition, as is befitting here. Arrangements have been made to plant walnut and hickory nuts throughout the forest portion of the park. This has been found to be a much surer method of obtaining a consistent planting than moving the above-named varieties of trees from the nursery. Small quantities of wild flowers in variety are also being planted in the wooded portion of the park. This practice should be followed up from year to year until the wild flowers will have all been rehabilitated in this particular place, as this is the only available territory within the Park Department that is suitable for carrying out this splendid feature of primitive planting.

The roads were carefully rolled so as to provide a smooth surface, after which an application of our especially prepared oil emulsion was applied. We did not reach the desired results here, however, as funds were not available to place a sufficient application to last throughout the summer season. Nevertheless, the result of the experiment was sufficiently satisfactory (as were experiments mentioned elsewhere in this report) to bear out the claim that this emulsion is the most practical dust-layer thus far tried out in this part of the country.

The south end of the lake was cleaned out, so that the water is at such greater depth that boating is enjoyed now in that portion of the lake, where previously it was not permissible because of an insufficient depth of water. It will be necessary to take out a great quantity of dirt at this end of the lake, and a concrete wall is also badly needed at the extreme south end as a stay for the dirt and mud that washes into the lake with every hard rain. With funds to accomplish this improvement, an aquatic garden can be established. When this pleasing feature is established in connection with this popular body of water, thousands of people who visit this portion of the park will find additional attraction in viewing the great variety of aquatics which will transform the southern edge of the lake into a veritable bower during the summer months.

The concerts at this park, under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund, are always a source of pleasure to a great many people, and each Saturday afternoon finds thousands in attendance during the season. The music was furnished by Smittie's Famous Military Band and Harp Orchestra during the past year, and the programs rendered were most interesting. These concerts, occurring on Saturday afternoons, are a boon to numbers of people who wish to spend the half-holiday in the open air under restful and pleasing conditions.



LISTENING TO THE MUSIC—BURNET WOODS

Mowing the grass and cleaning up the driveways made up the greater part of the work. In fact, having but one man to every twelve acres, we were very nearly swamped with work throughout the entire summer. The small buildings and all the benches were painted in this park with our own labor.

During April and May some 1,000 trees and shrubs were planted. This additional planting, however, makes but little showing on 160 acres of ground. There should be 50,000 trees and shrubs established to properly finish the planting of this park. I would recommend that sufficient funds be provided to complete this planting, as the popularity of a park depends on its trees, both as to quantity and character of arrangement or grouping.

The unsightly appearance of the clay banks on Hopson Street, from University Avenue to St. Clair Street, causes more comment than any other unimproved feature of this park. Through a request from Council as to the cost of needed improvements at this point, an estimate was submitted showing the amount of grading necessary, but lack of funds at the city's disposal during the past year precluded the possibility of any money being placed in the hands of this department to park this unsightly embankment.

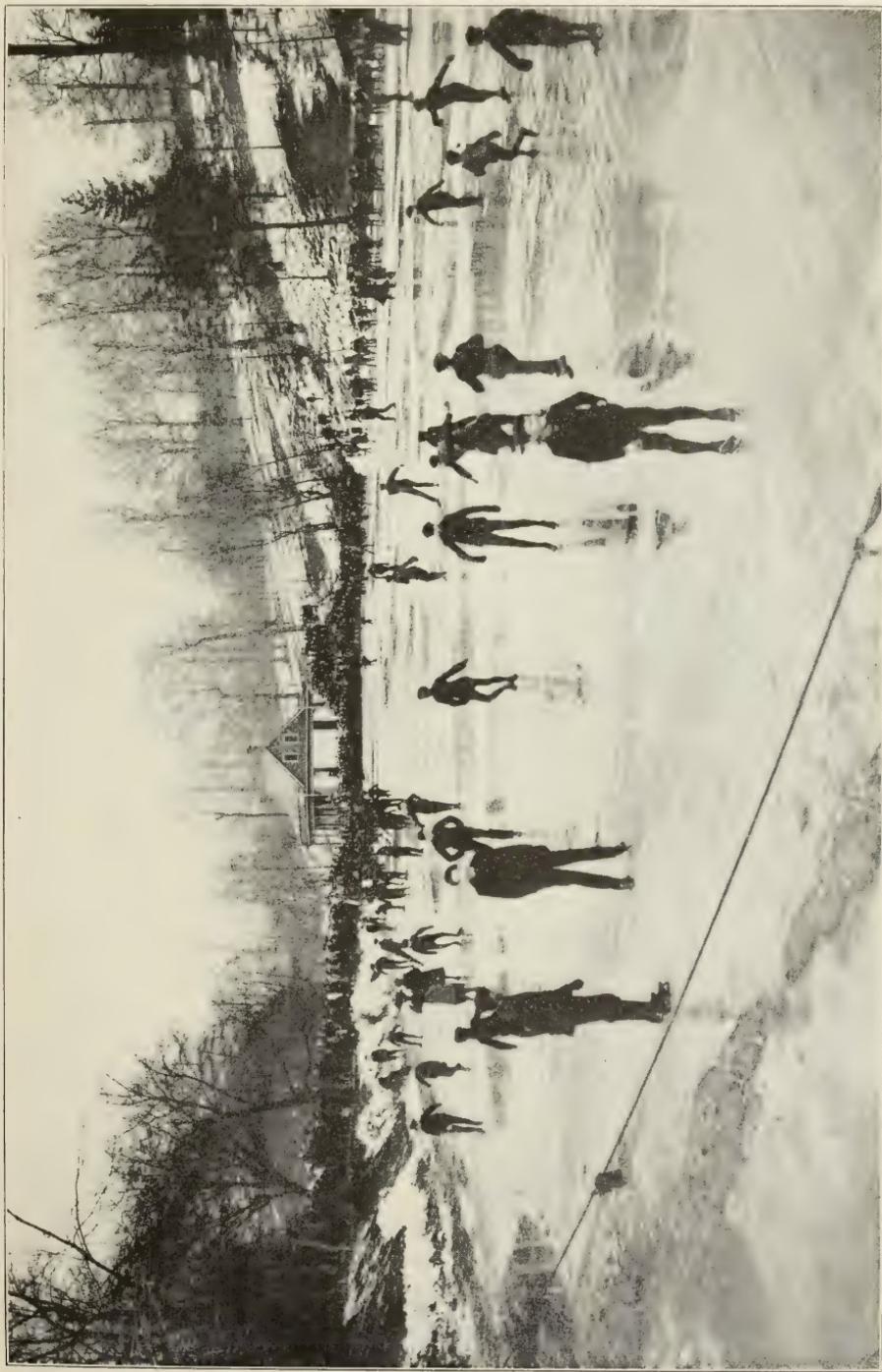
I must again call the attention of your honorable board to the unsightly condition of the abrupt embankment along Clifton Avenue, caused by excessive cuts in establishing the grade on this avenue. This avenue forms the entire western boundary of the park, and there are two car lines passing over it, carrying thousands of people daily. Therefore, I would recommend that \$50,000 be provided to embellish and place in park condition this slope, as well as the unfinished portion of Burnet Woods above mentioned.

One of the most pleasant features of the skating season at Burnet Woods was the skating contest conducted under the auspices of *The Cincinnati Post*. There were hundreds of people gathered to see the contestants, there being a large number of entries, and altogether it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Could we depend upon the weather for a sufficient depth of ice to justify the arrangement of such contests, it would add wonderfully to the usefulness of the park and to the pleasure of the people in the winter season.

Through the courtesy of this department, during the past year the University grounds were sown with our special mixture of grass-seed and several hundred trees and shrubs planted, all of which added wonderfully to the embellishment of these grounds. In fact, the work done there has shown what

WAITING FOR THE RACES—BURNET WOODS





THE LINE UP - POST SKATING CONTEST



THE START - POST SKATING CONTEST

expenditure of money means to a park, and has prompted me to make a very systematic capitulation of the needs, horticulturally, in the larger parks, in order to show the amount of money necessary to supply trees and shrubs in quantities sufficient to make proper plantings.

This again brings to mind the great good that would be accomplished by the establishment of municipal nurseries.

The Cincinnati Automobile Club gave the orphans and children of the various charitable homes of the city an automobile ride and outing at Burnet Woods, the success of which prompted those who had so generously furnished their automobiles and lent their presence, to establish a precedent with this first Automobile Orphan's Outing, and to mutually agree to perpetuate it as an annual event.

One of the features that added more than any other one thing to the success of the outing while at Burnet Woods, was the band concert donated by Messrs. Busse and Borgmann.

The Automobile Club, in addition to the ride and outing, furnished luncheon for all the children, and Mr. Otto Armleder supplied them bountifully with popcorn and candy. The day was one of happiness and mirth, not only for the children, but for all participating in one of the most worthy and enjoyable events that has ever taken place in the Park Department, and as commendable an undertaking as has ever been planned.

Hopkins Park

Being situated at the top of Sycamore-street hill, Hopkins Park attracts a great many people from the closely-inhabited districts toward the city, and more complaints in regard to conduct and mischievous acts are received from this park than from any other park in the department. Every effort to get the co-operation of people in the neighborhood has been made, but the only practical plan seems to be the placing of a policeman at the park continually, which, owing to the limited amount of money at the command of the department, has not been possible the year around.

While this park is one of the beauty-spots of the city, still it appeals to me, though the general topography is so very

rough, that one end of the park could be provided with a wading-pool and used for playground purposes. As it is at the present time the children get no benefit of the park, the neighbors objecting very bitterly to their even being allowed on the grass. Therefore this office is trying to work out a plan whereby we can convert at least a portion of this park into a playground, and with the co-operation of your honorable board these features will be carried out during the coming year.

Lincoln Park

With the splendid lake to furnish boating during the summer months for thousands of children and young people, and skating to an equal number during the winter months, this feature of the park alone, supplying the above-mentioned divergency of pleasures during the summer and winter seasons, makes of Lincoln Park one of the most utilitarian parks in the down-town district.

There were but a few days this winter that the ice was thick enough to be used for skating, but during that time it was estimated that there were 5,000 people skating daily.

The concrete dock built this summer to replace the old wooden one which had outlived its usefulness, was an improvement much appreciated here.

The children's playground was well patronized. An additional sand box was supplied to accommodate the increased number of little children, and other paraphernalia was installed for the larger ones. The space allotted for ball games is utilized daily from early morning until darkness drives the little fellows to their homes. It is not an unusual thing to see three games of ball on this field when it is scarcely large enough for one.

Trimming trees, sowing grass-seed on the lawns, planting flowers in the beds and general park housekeeping, such as raking leaves, cutting and raking grass, painting benches, etc., made up the routine work, all of which was done in a good, workmanlike manner.

Through the co-operation of the Superintendent of the Workhouse two pair of deer from that institution were transferred to this park. This was done after having all the gates fitted with turnstiles, a feature that worked some inconvenience to people with baby carriages, as we could arrange but two gates for their use. These deer furnished great amusement to the children, who delighted in watching and feeding the animals.

We found, however, that the keeping of such animals was very prohibitive for the reason that a certain class of people took advantage of the fact that they were tame, and would chase them out of the park in order to get a reward for returning them. Therefore, while it added a great deal of interest to the park to have the deer there, the above-mentioned reasons made it unwise to attempt to retain them longer.

According to the reports from the watchman on duty while the park was open all night during July and August, some 5,000 people took advantage of the cooler conditions prevailing there to sleep upon the benches in the park, instead of trying to spend the night in hot tenements. This opportunity to sleep under pleasant conditions was a boon to many persons, and was much appreciated.

The walks in this park are in immediate need of resurfacing. Owing to the excessive use they are subjected to, I would recommend that funds be supplied to resurface them with Kentucky rock asphalt, or some other material equally as good. I make this recommendation because of the fact that gravel walks in parks that are patronized as largely as is Lincoln Park, are very unsatisfactory, especially during winter months or rainy seasons.

A large number of ducks and three pair of swans were purchased by the Lincoln Park Concert Association and presented to the Park Department during the past year, and an additional pair of peafowls added also. They have proven very interesting features, and especially do the children take great interest in feeding them and in watching the swans glide gracefully through the water.

The above-named association assisted me in arranging three band concerts, all of which were attended by from twelve

EARLY FALL.—WASHINGTON PARK



to fifteen thousand people. This splendid attendance substantiates the theory that down-town concerts will not only bring more cheerful and helpful moral conditions to the home, but will bring thousands of people to realize that their home park is the place to spend the sultry evenings with their families, instead of gradens that have questionable moral influences.

At this park there was planted some fifty trees and about one hundred shrubs. It will be necessary to plant from two to three hundred trees yearly here until we have a sufficient number to furnish shade, the older trees having deteriorated to such a degree and the replacing having been neglected for so long that there is not more than one-tenth the necessary trees at this time.

There is also extreme need of a recreation field at this park. I would recommend to your honorable board that the property extending south from Lincoln Park to Clark Street be purchased for that purpose. As the buildings amount to very little, the purchase price should therefore be reasonable. This would provide ample recreation grounds for the entire community.

Washington Park

Washington Park is located in one of the most thickly-populated parts of the city. The beautiful green grass, splendidly studded with beds of blooming plants, and the inviting shade of ornamental shade trees during the summer months, all appeal to the down-town resident as an oasis does to the way-worn traveler. The verification of this is exemplified at this park every day of the year unless the masses are driven out by atmospheric precipitations.

As a matter of consequence, the maintenance of this park is greater than any other down-town park in the city. Twenty-five new trees and shrubs were planted and a special mixture of grass-seed was sown here. Some three-thousand bedding and ornamental plants were also placed in the park during the summer months, which provided a very cheerful aspect for the hundreds of tired mothers who constantly seek fresh air in this place for their infant children, as well as furnish-

ing pleasant scenery for the hundreds of superannuated working men and the vast throngs of transient and unemployed. This park also provides a recreation-place during the evening for innumerable families who spend the day in toil.

While this park meets with all the requirements from an aesthetic and recreative point of view for the adult population, there is no playground provided in the entire district for the small children. The great need of a playground to take the children from the gutters as their wading-pool, and the streets as their playground, prompts me to recommend to your honorable board the acquisition of the property bounded by Washington Park on the south, Elm Street on the west, Fourteenth Street on the north, and Race Street on the east. This will provide ample space for children's playgrounds, shelter and public comfort features within a radius of a mile.

The generous spirit of the Trustees of the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association in providing some \$265.00 more money than was first deposited with the Board of Public Service to defray the expenses of placing in good condition that portion of the park used by them, shows the same splendid patriotic and civic spirit that has prompted them to sacrifice time and money to bring about such enterprises as the Fall Festivals have been.

The walks in this park were resurfaced with Kentucky rock asphalt as far as funds would permit, and it is hoped to finish this work next season. This material makes a splendid park walk, as it is easily applied and finishes up in a smooth, firm surface.



ENJOYING THE MORNING AIR—WASHINGTON PARK

From reports while the parks were kept open during July and August all night long, some 7,305 persons took advantage of the privilege of sleeping in Washington Park, many women and babies passing a portion of the night there, finding great relief from their heated tenement rooms.

Garfield Park

The statues of Presidents William Henry Harrison and James A. Garfield located at these squares makes of this park a very attractive place to visitors, especially those who are interested in historical associations, and it is a refreshing resting-place for hundreds of tired, way-worn pedestrians. Being located in the center of the shopping district makes this park very convenient also to persons making purchases in this immediate district. It is a fact that during the summer months this park is patronized as much, if not more, than any park in the downtown area.

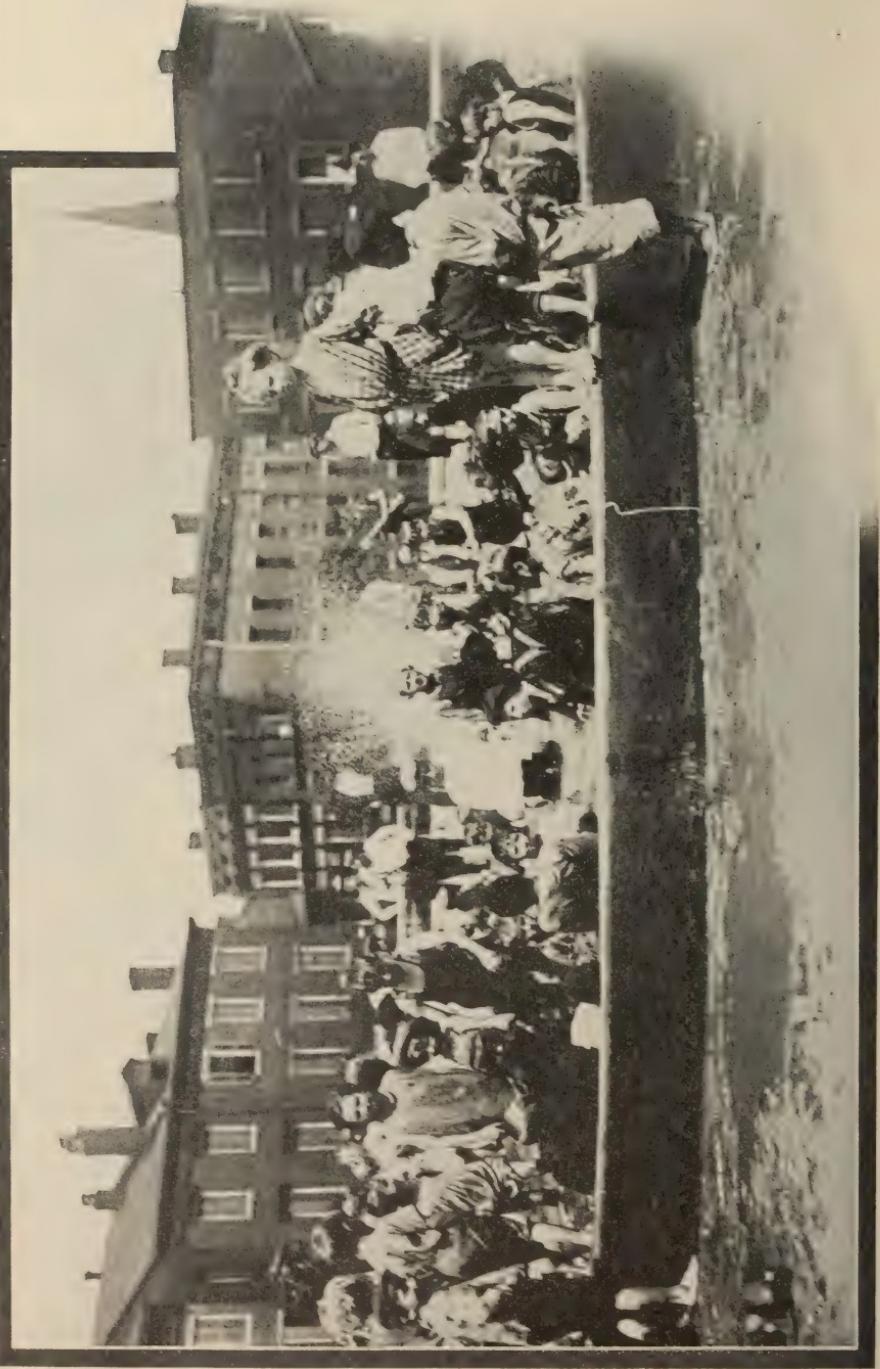
The department has made a special feature of the planting of these squares, especially in the arrangement of the tropical plants, and those who are not fortunate enough to have homes and plants of their own may see here some of the rare specimens of the tropical world while resting in the shade of the beautiful trees.

Hundreds of way-worn men, as well as great numbers of the working class found refreshing sleep here while the park was open all night during the past summer, the report of the watchman on duty showing some 2,885 persons to have taken advantage of the privilege afforded them of sleeping at this place during the sultry nights of July and August.

The proximity of this park to the business district prompts me to recommend to your honorable board that there be placed near the Race-street end a public comfort station, as the great number of people passing this point at all times would justify the expenditure.

The removal of the fence around this park would add wonderfully to the embellishment of the place, and I would earnestly recommend that it be removed. The present coping used for the base of the fence would be ample barrier against any

WADING IN BASIN—McKINLEY PLACE.



debris that may accumulate in the street, and would also prohibit vehicles from getting into the park.

There has been a demand made from time to time by residents to allow the children to occupy one square, but the fact that it is a residential street prompts me to decline the request at this time, though I feel that the suggestion is a good one, as a playground is greatly needed in this vicinity.

McKinley Place

At all hours of the day and evening there can be seen congregated at this playground hundreds of children playing, as well as mothers with babies enjoying the pleasant shade and green grass of this little breathing-space—the only feature of that kind in this district of the city.

The use to which this park is put, and the great good resulting therefrom to both old and young, points out clearly the necessity and advisability of establishing other playgrounds of this character throughout the densely-populated sections of the city.

During the past summer an automatic drinking fountain was furnished here, which adds greatly to the comfort of those who find so much pleasure in visiting this place. It has proven a great convenience to the children of the neighborhood, who formerly had to go to their homes in the hot weather for drinking water.

In constructing this fountain there was several hundred feet of brass pipe coil placed in the ground in a concrete box, and through the generous spirit of Mr. Daniel Bauer, the councilman, ice was supplied during the summer months, which made it possible for the children to have ice water during the hot weather, for which kindness the Park Department feels greatly indebted to Mr. Bauer.

There were provided a number of benches and an additional sand box at this park, all of which added to the comfort and pleasure of people in the neighborhood. The children were also allowed to use the basin at this park as a wading-pool, and in winter it served for skating purposes. The wading-pool features of playgrounds gives the children more enjoy-

ment than anything else that has been introduced into the parks.

The trees here are now beginning to take on proportions which make them more useful from a point of shade, as well as desirable because of the beauty they add to the park, and they are greatly enjoyed by the older people who find relief there from their heated rooms in the tenement houses. Observation has shown that great numbers of mothers with their children, as well as aged people, are now using the park during the evening hours, and it provided a wonderful source of comfort, especially for those who are compelled to live in the second and third stories of tenements.



Auburn Place

Auburn Place, being located in a prominent residential district, lends itself to a treatment afforded no other park in the department. The broad walks are studded with benches, while the lawn is very prettily planted with exotic plants, giving this property a much embellished appearance.

The residents show their appreciation of this beautiful little breathing-space by helping maintain good order and preventing any molestation of the flowers, trees and plants placed there. Could this condition be emulated by other parks of the city, it would prove highly satisfactory to this department.

Owls'-Nest Park

Owls'-Nest Park is beautifully located on the Madison Road. It became the property of the city through the desire of Messrs. Charles E. and Edward C. Perkins to perpetuate the memory of their parents, whose home was located there for years. The property was dedicated strictly to playground purposes.

The natural topography lends itself admirably to gymnasium features, a large portion of the ground being splendidly adapted for an amphitheater. Could the Park Department acquire additional ground at the lower end of this property some two hundred feet wide, there could be established a gymnasium field that would be isolated from any improved property, and far enough away from the principal thoroughfares to avoid the noise that usually emanates from ball grounds and recreation fields. This being accomplished, Owls'-Nest Park would provide ball fields, tennis courts and children's playgrounds for that entire section of the city.

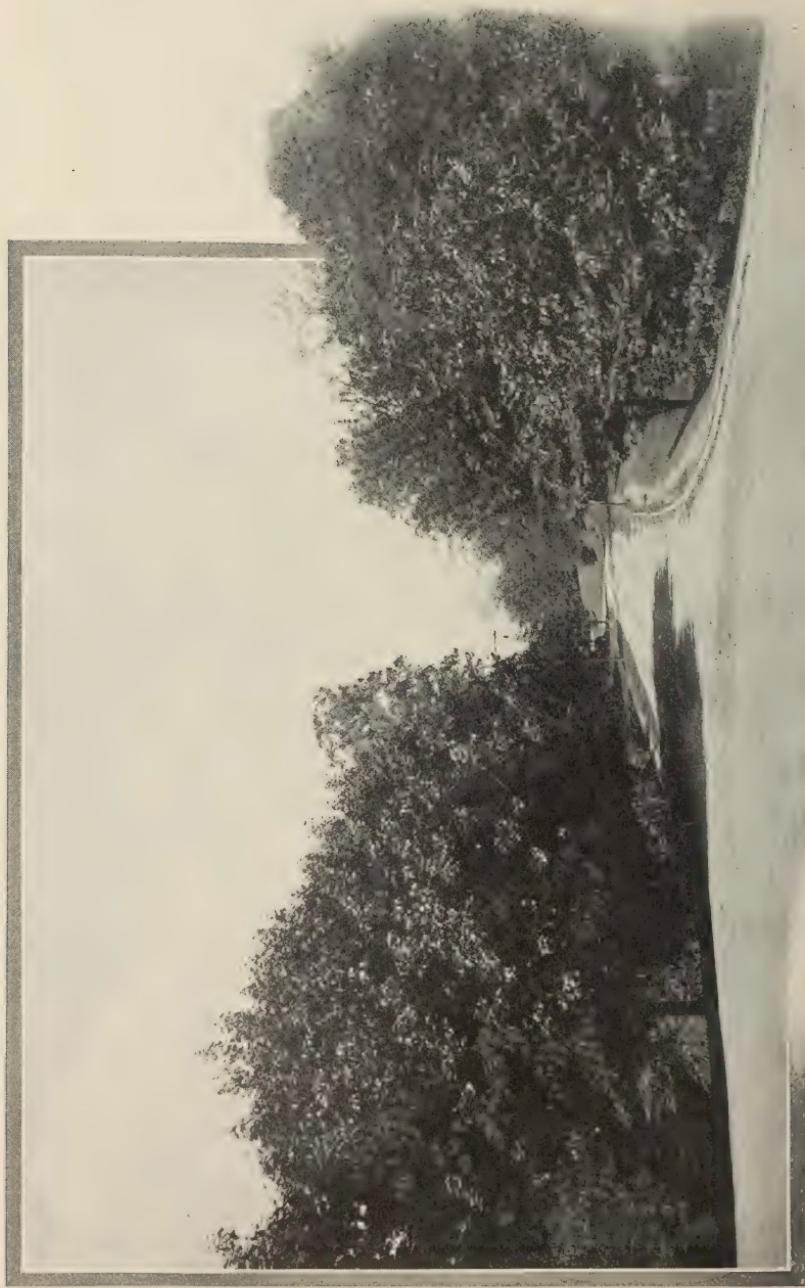
There will soon be placed in this park a number of lights, that it may be used by the general public more safely during the evening hours. There were also more benches placed there during the summer.

This being one of the most valuable gifts that the Park Department has received, and the location of this property being such that improvements will justify the expenditure, I would recommend that your honorable board have sufficient funds placed at the disposal of this department to make such permanent improvements as will enable the people to more fully enjoy the park.

East-End Park

Being a very level piece of ground, there has been no effort made to plant or park this property, because of the fact that it has proven very useful as a baseball ground. There is hardly a day during the summer season but what there are from one to three games played on these grounds. In fact it is the most popular baseball ground in the East End.

LEADING TO BANDSTAND—BURNET WOODS



Another reason for not improving it permanently is that when the water is above forty-five feet the grounds are flooded. Stationary benches that were placed there during the past year were all washed away by the high water during the early spring.

Experience has proven that the most useful way in which the ground can be used is to continue it as a baseball field.

There was placed along Eastern Avenue the entire length of the park a ten-foot artificial stone sidewalk, which makes it much more pleasant for the great number of people who walk to and from their work along Eastern Avenue daily, and provides a splendid permanent improvement in the Park Department, also.

There has been no caretaker placed in charge of this park, as the boys have been willing to keep it in condition provided they are allowed to use it for playing baseball, football, and other athletic games, all of which this department has assisted in establishing.

Burying-Ground at Hyde Park

This property came into the possession of the city through annexation, and this department has endeavored to keep the grass mowed and the weeds cleared away during the summer months, which is all that can be done here until definite action is taken in regard to dedicating it to park purposes.

I would recommend that an additional strip of property adjoining the cemetery and extending to Stettinius Avenue be purchased, that there may be sufficient acreage to make a park of some size, as that part of the city is building up rapidly, and the site will be a useful one for a park.

Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park

This piece of property is so prominently located that the attention of thousands of people are called to its embellished condition.

The fact of this property being of such small dimensions that it is of little use to the neighborhood prompts me to recommend that if the property adjacent could be acquired for

a reasonable sum of money, that there be an additional two or three hundred feet added to this small triangle, that it may be increased to a size sufficient to justify more extensive improvements.

Vine and Hollister Park

The floral display at this park is its greatest feature, such plants and flowers as Ageratum, Alternanthera, Echeveria, Coleus and Canna being arranged in bedding effects, which furnishes diversion to the thousands of people passing by on the street cars each day, as well as delights the eyes of those living in that immediate neighborhood who can visit the park to enjoy the fresh air and green grass. The park has been kept in good condition, the hedges being trimmed and benches placed conveniently.

Miss Cecelia Ritter presented to the Park Department a fountain which she desired placed at this park. It has been located on the Hollister-street side of the park, where can be seen daily a great number of horses, as well as people, drinking, a fact which bears out the theory that drinking fountains are a very useful and necessary feature in the Park Department.

Wilson Common

Up to this time there has been very little done in the way of embellishing Wilson Common. In fact, it has simply lain as a barren waste. There is provision made in next year's appropriation whereby a man can be employed to keep this ground in good park condition. There will have to be some fences built for the safety of the children. The house and barn on the place will also have to be removed, after which, by some grading, quite a level plot of ground can be provided for recreation purposes.

The splendid undulating condition of this ground, and the beautiful view that is obtained, makes it a very desirable place to the persons living in close proximity to spend the afternoon and evening. A panorama view of the city can be



LYTLE PARK VISITORS.

secured here equaling any from other hilltops around Cincinnati.

As this ground is a gift from Mrs. Mehitable Copenhagen Wilson to the city, would therefore recommend an expenditure of some \$2,000 to place a playground at the summit of the hill, which would bring about more fully the intended use of the property.

Lytle Park

Lytle Park has been finished after a long, tedious effort. The attitude of the residents on Fourth Street was one of opposition to having the entire property used as a playground, therefore a plan was decided upon to park the Fourth-street side, and use the Third-street end of the park for playground purposes, this park plan working out admirably. Walks were constructed of concrete to a width of sixteen feet, providing splendid space for roller-skating for the children of this thickly settled district.

Some 1,540 shrubs and 53 trees were used in the planting plan for Lytle Park, and when the lawn was sodded this planting made the park very attractive, especially so when some 500 exotics and 200 tropical plants were planted and grouped about the grounds during the summer months.

This park was in readiness for a formal opening on June 6, 1907, which occasion was made a gala event in park history, as this was the first park in this city to be thoroughly equipped with up-to-date playground apparatus.

The Special Park Commission took charge of the arrangements on this occasion, and secured the services of the Times-Star Band to dispense music. Members of the Business Men's Club, Women's Club, Associated Organizations, the Special Park Commission, the Board of Public Service, members of Council, and a great many other well-known men interested in playground work were present. Speeches were made by Councilman Michael Mullen, whose untiring efforts brought about the acquisition of this property for park purposes; Mayor Dempsey; Edw. E. Shipley, president of the Busi-

ness Men's Club; Miss Belle Whitaker; President Bender of the Board of Public Service, and others.

The playground was fitted up with swings and teeter-totters, which were immediately taken possession of by the children. That portion of the park used as a playground will be equipped by early spring of next year with swings, teeter-ladders, traveling rings, and other useful and practical paraphernalia, which will be appreciated by the hundreds of children that frequent this splendid rendezvous of happiness.

Baseball, played with the regulation indoor baseball, is an innovation which will, no doubt, prove a great success at this park. This game, and basket ball, are the only games that can be fully enjoyed on this small playground.

A careful study from week to week has shown the fact that children will take the best of care of playgrounds turned over to them, and it has been the experience everywhere that nothing has been missing after a day's play, the children themselves helping to care for balls and bats, that they may not be lost.

Aside from the noise of the over-zealous children the first few weeks after opening a playground to the public, there are no distasteful features, and this condition is annoying only to the immediate neighborhood. After the newness of the playground has worn off and a director of play, who should be a person thoroughly conversant with play and games, has the children interested in playground games, all of the objectionable noise subsides, and the feeling of annoyance turns into interest and admiration.

Mr. John R. McLean has now under construction a very fine bronze fountain, to cost a sum exceeding \$10,000, which will be placed at the Fourth and Lawrence-streets corner of Lytle Park. This location marks the site of his father's home, and incidentally, the place of his birth. Mr. McLean is erecting this fountain in commemoration of his parents. He has also signified his willingness to furnish ice for a cooler to be attached to the fountain. This department has ordered a plan drawn whereby a coil with sufficient pipe will be inserted in a concrete ice box under the ground of a size sufficient to supply large quantities of ice water for this fountain.

Tyler Davidson Fountain

Thousands of visitors are attracted to the Tyler-Davidson Fountain because of its fame as a beautiful work of art. The steps that encircle the esplanade invite passing strangers to a few moments' rest within sight of the cool, sparkling spray of the fountain, and often persons eat their lunches there, all of which makes it a difficult matter to maintain the esplanade in a neat condition, as paper and debris are constantly being cast about.

The trees about the esplanade were given every attention, and the tropical plants arranged in the circles at each end of the square add wonderfully to the appearance of this central section of the city, where there is so little refreshing green of grass or trees, or bright color of blooming plants.

After bringing vividly to the attention of Council the fact that we were behind all other cities in the park playground and public comfort features, through the earnest efforts of Mr. Robert J. O'Brien, of Council, the department was able to secure a bond issue of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting Public Comfort Stations at the Esplanade. Excavation has been begun, and from the energy with which the contractor is going ahead with the work it looks as though by early spring there will be established at this place the first public comfort station that has been erected this far West. While thus emulating the Oriental cities, as well as the Eastern cities of this country, it is one step further in the right direction toward providing facilities and comforts for the city's masses.

This feature of park work, next to the ball ground and wading-pool features, adds more to the healthfulness and convenience of the masses than any other work that has thus far been done through the Park Department.

New Work

Because of the inability of the Park Department to secure funds for the construction of the newly-acquired park property, the work has lain practically dormant during the past year, but the splendid park spirit that has been manifest in

the last few months makes us feel as though the coming year will be a record-breaker in the development of new park property, as well as in the acquisition of additional properties.

HUNT-STREET ATHLETIC GROUND—This property has been filled in as far as it is expedient to go until such excavation at the upper portion of the park as is necessary, is made, which work has been delayed because of the lack of funds.

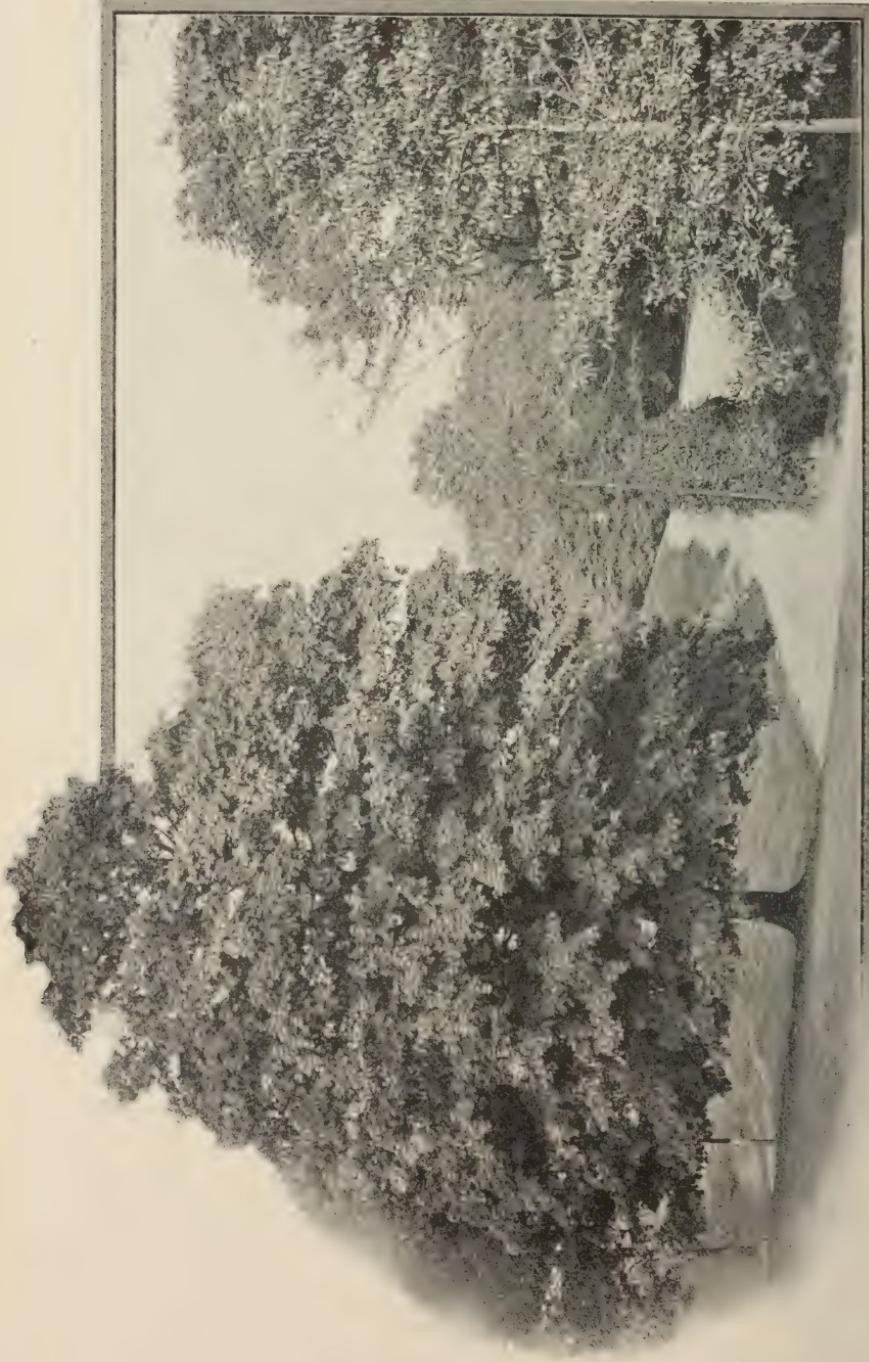
I would again respectfully call the attention of your honorable board to the need of necessary funds to complete this splendid piece of park property, as the entire western boundary is traversed by several of the most-used car lines in the city, which condition will advertise our park work when finished, as no other piece of property that we have acquired up to this time would do.

A most complete plan has been devised by Mr. Geo. E. Kessler for this park, combining therein the most useful playground features possible, which when carried out, will provide one of the largest athletic and gymnasium fields that has been acquired by the Park Department up to this time.

Another incentive towards having this work pushed to completion at an early date is the fact that Mrs. Charles Fleischmann has placed at the disposal of the Park Department the sum of \$500.00 towards the equipment of a playground, or such other sum as is found necessary to secure proper apparatus.

The portion of ground that has been finished to an established grade was utilized in playing baseball during the latter part of the summer. Extensive recreation grounds are needed for ball, tennis, and children's play facilities in this thickly-populated district, as the rough topography of this immediate neighborhood forbids such sports and amusements, and as above stated, splendid street car facilities here will place conditions where this park can be used as a general, as well as a local, recreation field.

Therefore, I would urge the most earnest favor of your honorable board towards providing funds that this ground may be placed in a condition whereby it can be put to the best possible use by the public at the earliest possible date.



SPECIMEN NORWAY MAPLE—BURNET WOODS

CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS—The contract for grading the Calhoun-street end of Burnet Woods has been completed in so far as the rougher work is concerned.

There has been a plan prepared in the office whereby a much greater use can be made of this property by beginning at the curb and making a gradual slope northwardly to the ravine, using the material that is taken from the Calhoun-street addition to fill the above-named ravine, thus bringing about a splendid landscape effect and making of this property a very useful part of Burnet Woods. The roadway it is proposed to build here will make a very convenient city entrance to Burnet Woods, encircling the slopes south and east of the University buildings, thereby giving the public a greater use of that portion of Burnet Woods, especially for driving purposes.

This plan, however, will necessitate the acquisition of two additional pieces of property just east of the present boundary of Calhoun-street extension, and I would recommend to your honorable board that steps be taken towards acquiring this immediately.

LUDLOW-AVENUE TRIANGLE—This property has just recently been acquired, and at the earliest possible date arrangements will be started looking towards the removal of the buildings.

The corner acquired by this Ludlow-avenue purchase, being in close proximity to Clifton, would be an admirable place for an entrance. A very elaborate entrance could be built at this place and extended up through the ravine, connecting up with the main driveway near the band-stand. This would make one of the prettiest drives in Burnet Woods, and no doubt the most popular, as it would give an opportunity to persons driving from Clifton to the city to traverse the entire length of Burnet Woods by way of park drives.

The grading, sodding and planting done here will all be in conformity with the forest conditions prevailing in Burnet Woods.

LIBRARY PLACE—After much effort the ten-acre tract of land known as the "Hubbard Tract," extending from Warsaw

Avenue to Price Avenue, and from Purcell to Considine, was acquired for park purposes, and for library and patrol-house sites, respectively. The patrol and library buildings will cover an area of some two acres, and are to be so placed that the entire ground can be utilized to the best advantage for park purposes.

The west end of this park will be used as an athletic field, while the east side will be set aside as a children's playground. The upper plateau adjacent to the library proper will be arranged for tennis and other games of a similar character. As a whole, this park will be one of the most utilitarian properties thus far acquired by the city.

These grounds having been planted as a private estate, will need but little additional planting. The placing in condition of the various athletic fields and the sodding of portions which will have to be parked, together with the building of necessary walks and a roadway, will constitute all additional embellishment.

BARR-STREET PARK—Council has but recently acquired the property bounded by Kenyon Avenue, Barr, Mound and Cutter streets. This property is located in a very congested district, and though it is rather small to meet all the requirements of a well-equipped playground and recreation field, I would suggest that as soon as the buildings are torn down that the property be converted into a recreation field and playground, leaving possibly the extreme east end that it might be embellished and used for a place of rest and recreation for the older people of the neighborhood.

In compiling this report it has been my endeavor to avoid details as much as possible, that it might be more brief. Were I to dwell upon all the important features that have come to my attention during the past year, the report would become very tiresome.

The area, time of acquisition, and approximate cost of land of all the parks in this department is listed herein. There is also a detailed valuation and area of park property, with a

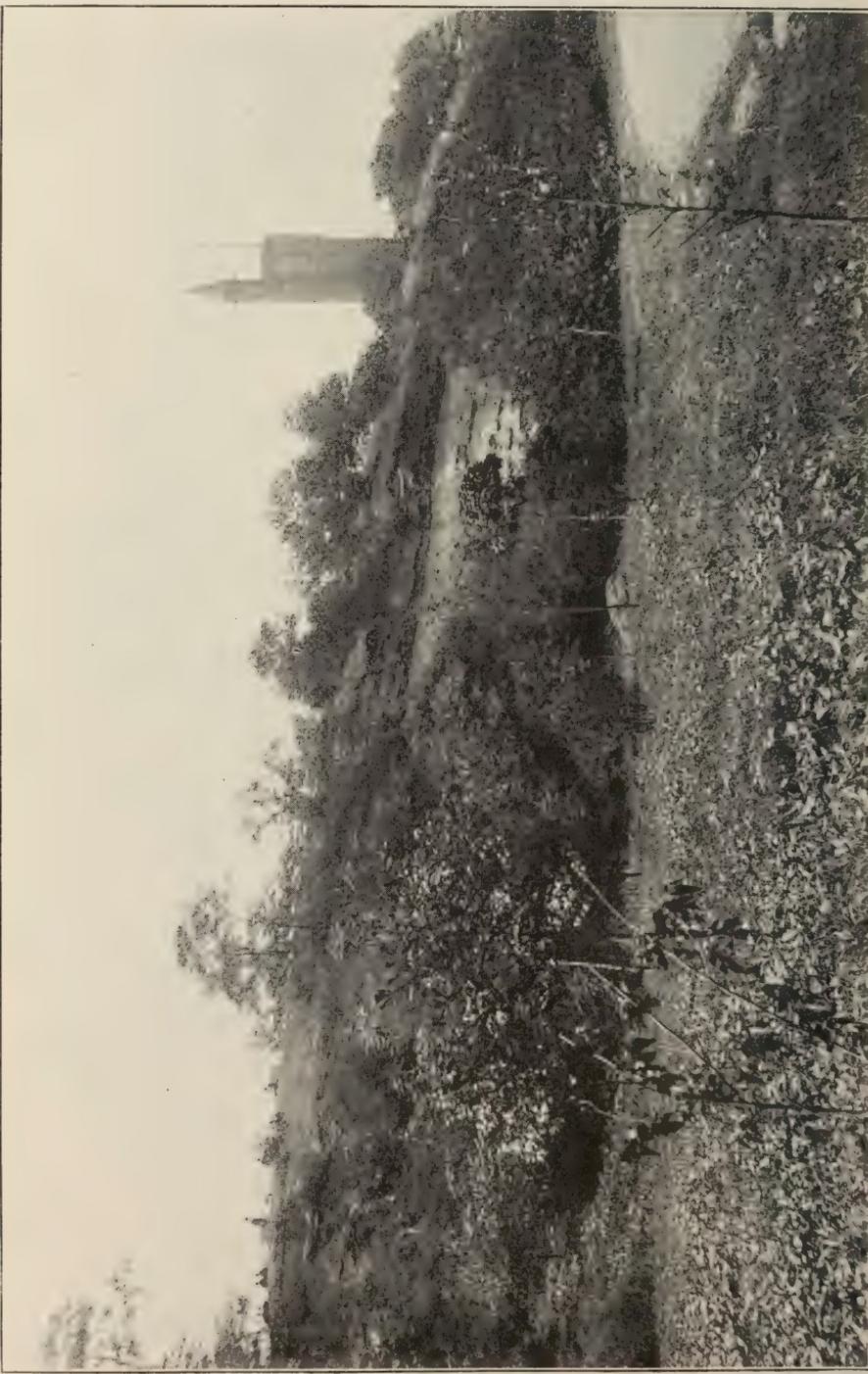
comparison of the population with twenty of the largest cities of the United States.

In compiling the above data comparisons are shown which are helpful to a great number of people, as well as a saving of time for our department, as numerous requests come to the office for just such information. This can be answered by mailing a copy of the present report to persons wishing the information.

It has been deemed advisable, because of the fact of the proposed new park plan having met with the approval of so many people, to have a map of the same placed in each copy of our report, which will, no doubt, be a source of splendid information to a great number of people who receive copies of the report annually. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RODGERS,
Superintendent of Parks.

WATER-TOWER AND CLIFF FROM LURAY-AVENUE IMPROVEMENT



CINCINNATI PARKS

As Compared with those of other Leading Cities

CITY	Population 1900	Area in Acres—1903	Value of Property—1903
New York City.....	3,437,202	6,863.2	\$285,141,700 00
Boston, Mass.....	560,892	2,912.0	50,017,975 00
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,293,697	4,137.3	30,868,000 00
Buffalo, N. Y.....	352,387	1,049.0	6,289,730 00
Cleveland, Ohio.....	381,768	1,523.3	19,622,479 00
Indianapolis, Ind.....	169,164	1,317.0	830,600 00
Louisville, Ky.....	204,731	1,350.0	1,250,000 00
St. Louis, Mo.....	575,238	2,198.4	10,729,850 00
Baltimore, Md.....	503,957	3,433.9	2,578,527 00
Hartford, Conn.....	79,850	1,135.3	504,969 00
New Bedford, Mass.....	62,442	192.0	200,541 00
Detroit, Mich.....	285,704	1,253.7	8,894,894 00
Albany, N. Y.....	94,151	324.4	1,270,446 00
Rochester, N. Y.....	162,668	727.8	1,710,637 00
Milwaukee, Wis.....	285,315	533.8	2,977,000 00
Minneapolis, Minn.....	202,718	1,813.2	4,676,357 00
Chicago, Ill.....	1,698,575	2,463.0	32,868,784 00
Kansas City, Mo.....	163,752	2,050.0	4,010,000 00
Toledo, Ohio.....	131,822	987.0	1,162,250 00
Cincinnati, Ohio (1907).....	400,000	474.347	7,000,000 00

AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

Of Property comprising Parks of
Cincinnati on December 31, 1907

	Cost of Land	Acreage
EDEN PARK.....		214.25
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865 to Jan. 1, 1869.....	633,514 81	
Land leased from Jan. 1, 1869 to Dec. 31, 1906.....	209,000 00	
	842,514 81	
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1859, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1881 and 1893 at a cost of.....	851,913 00	
Total cost of Eden Park property.....	1,694,427 81	
BURNET WOODS.....		163.50
Land leased from Oct. 18, 1872 to July 1, 1881.....	256,355 68	
Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 { at a cost of.....	490,500 00	
Total cost of Burnet Woods property.....	746,855 68	
HOPKINS PARK.....		1.00
Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1866, by Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.		
LINCOLN PARK.....		10.00
Acquired through exchanges of land. By first exchange on March 1, 1834, six acres were acquired; four acres were acquired by the second exchange on Aug. 14, 1837. The land acquired thus was used as a Potter's Field, the		
Carried forward.....	\$2,441,283 49	388.75

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward.....	2,441,283 49	388.75
Pesthouse being also located thereon, for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK.....	138,050 00	5.60
Land purchased in 1858 and 1863.....		
GARFIELD PARK.....		1.00
This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin M. Piatt, to be used as a market-space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1868, it was dedicated formally to park use.		
Total cost and acreage of old park property.....	<u>\$2,579,333 49</u>	<u>395.35</u>
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARK.....		0.16
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	1,880 27	
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK.....		2.50
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	14,429 82	
EAST-END PARK.....		7.50
Land purchased in 1904.....	36,555 42	
AUBURN PLACE.....		0.8
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	21,555 15	
MCKINLEY PLACE.....		1.21
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	50,694 39	
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS.....		1.50
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907.....	72,626 56	
LYTLE PARK.....		1.36
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	242,898 31	
OWLS'-NEST PARK.....		5.8
Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, James Handasyd Perkins, and their mother, Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.....	382 83	
WILSON COMMON.....		8.895
Gift of Mehitable Copenhagen Wilson. Accepted by the city on Aug. 28, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.....	174 55	
HUNT STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDS.....		12.8
Land purchased in 1905 and 1906.....	247,793 13	
BURYING-GROUND IN HYDE PARK.....		2.75
Came into possession of the city through annexation of Hyde Park in November, 1903.		
INWOOD PARK.....		19.492
Land purchased in 1905, 1906 and 1907.....	108,346 28	
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER.....		0.2
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	12,324 90	
BARR, KENYON, MOUND AND CUTTER STREETS PARK		2.33
Examination of title in 1907.....	520 00	
LUDLOW-AVENUE TRIANGLE.....		2.20
Land purchased in 1906 and 1907.....	81,784 06	
HUBBARD TRACT PROPERTY.....		10.00
Land purchased in 1907.....	17,393 62	
Total cost and acreage of new park property.....	<u>\$909,359 29</u>	<u>78.997</u>
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1907.	<u>\$3,488,692 78</u>	<u>474.347</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1907..... 3,333 91

Received appropriations from Council as follows:

Ordinary:

4 X 1. Superintendent	2,500 00
4 X 2. Officers and clerks.....	1,025 00
4 X 3. Furniture and fixtures.....	186 41
4 X 5. Incidental.....	4,653 70
4 X 6. Laborers	33,033 59
4 X 7. Fuel and light.....	1,717 00
4 X 8. Materials	10,086 23
4 X 10. Park policemen.....	9,425 00
	62,626 93

Extraordinary:

4 X 24. Interest and Sinking Fund.....	1,840 00
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Total appropriation	64,466 93
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Received from Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, to defray expenses of putting Washington Park in good condition	265 79
Received from The John Robinson Circus Co., for rent of Hunt-street Park for circus purposes.....	100 00
Received from Ph. Morton, rent of signboards.....	325 00
Received from sale of wood, old harness, fence, old iron, brick, etc.....	114 96
Received from rents of houses located on park property....	426 50
Received from refreshment and boating privileges.....	195 50
	1,427 75

Total Receipts.....	\$69,228 59
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EXPENDITURES

Payrolls:

Eden Park.....	21,960 55
Burnet Woods.....	7,818 67
Lincoln Park.....	3,122 10
Washington Park.....	3,589 78
Hopkins Park.....	756 50
Auburn Place.....	598 45
Vine and Hollister Park.....	609 57
Owl's-Nest Park.....	600 00
McKinley Place.....	1,316 57
Office	3,519 50
Lytle Park.....	686 31
Tyler Davidson Fountain.....	1,387 00
	45,965 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$45,965 00

Amount brought forward.....	45,965 00
Maintenance, Supplies, etc.:	
Blacksmith, wagon and stove repairs.....	270 87
Books, periodicals, newspapers, etc.....	33 85
Bricklayer's services.....	6 00
Brooms, brushes, etc.....	21 75
Buggy repairs.....	68 60
Cash paid (sundry small bills).....	33 93
Catch-basin grates and frames.....	84 00
Catching deer.....	2 00
Cement walks, bases for statuary, etc.....	340 08
Chairs, coke bribeze, etc.....	21 20
Clock-rental	12 00
Concerts—Eden Park.....	1,000 00
Convention expenses.....	290 25
Crushing and breaking stone.....	181 00
Disinfectant	103 20
Drain-pipe	4 43
Dump-wagon and water-trough.....	160 00
Electrical work.....	26 79
Engineer's services.....	285 50
Feed	576 42
Feed-boxes	18 00
Fertilizers	28 50
Fitting up workshop.....	25 03
Filing-case, framing pictures, etc.....	35 48
Flower-pots, labels, peat, sphagnum, etc.....	123 82
Freight charges, car service, etc.....	51 69
Fuel	793 29
Gold fish.....	31 00
Hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	752 73
Harness, repairs, covers, whips, grooming machine, etc.....	254 75
Horses	440 00
Horse-keep, incline tickets, etc.....	3 8 76
Horse-medicine and veterinary services.....	54 40
Horse-bedding and shoeing.....	407 22
Hose and couplings.....	85 20
Ice	23 90
Insecticide	27 00
Insurance	118 10
Interest and sinking fund.....	1,840 00
Iron door and frames.....	15 68
Kentucky rock asphalt, rent of roller, etc.....	415 06
Light (gas and electric, and care of lamps).....	901 44
Limestone screenings, etc.....	578 98
Lumber	241 55
Office supplies, printing, etc.....	126 31
Oil-headlight, cylinder, etc.....	21 74
Paints, glass, oil, putty, etc.....	179 18
Painting, whitewashing ceiling, etc.....	624 50
Park benches.....	351 00
Peafowls	5 00
Plants, trees, shrubs, seeds, bulbs, etc.....	2,415 05
Plumbing repairs.....	526 82
Postage, bond premiums, photographs, etc.....	171 07
Programs, tanbark, music-stands, etc.....	56 00
Repairs at Luray-Avenue Lakes.....	5 45
Amount carried forward.....	\$15,598 57 \$45,965 00

Amount brought forward.....	15,598 57	45,965 00
Rent at Wilson Common.....	15 10	
Roofs, repairs, etc.....	355 00	
Sand, cement, gravel, etc.....	197 63	
Sod, soil, etc.....	662 90	
Sponges, soap, rubber boots, etc.....	36 85	
Soap and asphaltum oil for roads.....	200 86	
Sprinkling	70 00	
Steam-roller repairs, packing, etc.....	12 38	
Steam fitting, etc.....	698 35	
Telephones and patrol-boxes.....	231 68	
Toweling, toilet-paper, twine, umbrella, etc.....	26 85	
Turnstiles (lumber and hardware).....	53 86	
Typewriters (rental, etc.).....	162 86	
Vault cleaning.....	10 00	
Wire netting.....	14 31	
	18,832 20	
Less difference with City Auditor.....	01	
		18,832 19
Total Expenditures.....		64,317 19
Balance on hand December 31, 1907.....		4,911 40
		\$69,228 59

COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1907

EDEN PARK:

Payrolls	21,960 55
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel.....	83 88
Castner, Curran & Bullitt. fuel.....	534 01
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	6 50
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel.....	135 90
	760 29
W. W. Dodge, labels.....	23 00
Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Co., flower pots.....	47 13
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., fumigators, moss, labels, etc.	11 54
Lager & Hurrell, orchid peat and sphagnum.....	42 15
	123 82
Louis Schaefer, wagon and blacksmith repairs.....	171 25
Beck & Welling, wagon and blacksmith repairs.....	12 10
	183 35
E. A. Conkling Co., horse-bedding.....	2 25
C. Crane & Co., horse-bedding.....	4 50
A. Blymyer, horse-bedding.....	12 00
	18 75
E. K. Morris & Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	93 54
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc....	378 87
KPL Company, hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	80
Hough Patent Hoe Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	9 00
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc.	25
	482 46
Henry Imbus, roofs, gutter linings, repairs, etc.....	332 00
Oscar Gerard, electrical work.....	26 79
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc....	27 48
Barron, Boyle & Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc.....	15 10
Ira D. Washburn Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc.....	41 03
The John Kolbe Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc.....	27 52
The Wm. Glenny Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc.....	42 81
	153 94
The Moores-Coney Co., sand and cement.....	9 52
Smith Sand Co., sand and gravel.....	24 00
	33 52
E. Van Briggle, painting and whitewashing.....	27 50
W. E. Tennison, painting greenhouses.....	375 00
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stands, etc.....	222 00
	624 50
Swift Cornice Co., putting up stoves.....	22 22
Pollman-Wilson Foundry Co., iron door and frames.....	15 68
Cin. and Sub. Bell Telephone Co., telephone and patrol-boxes....	106 68
Martip J. Riley, horseshoeing.....	248 53
H. J. Conklin, drain-pipe.....	4 43
Union Gas and Electric Co., light.....	110 06
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	44 10
Edw. J. Hanley, plumbing repairs.....	101 02
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs.....	2 17
Chas. M. Weber, plumbing repairs.....	128 20
	231 39
Amount carried forward.....	\$25,483 06

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Amount brought forward.....	25,483 00
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., insecticide.....	15 00
The Rex Company, insecticide.....	12 00
	27 00
The J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, etc.....	60 75
R. G. Ward & Co., lumber, etc.....	3 00
J. B. Doppes Sons Lumber Co., lumber, etc.....	25 97
A. M. Lewin, lumber, etc.....	65 31
	155 03
German-Russell Co, steam fitting, etc.....	695 35
German-American Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 90
Hartford Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 90
Phoenix Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 90
St. Paul Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 90
	35 00
D. Rusconi, bulbs.....	98 02
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., flower and grass-seed.....	70 02
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed.....	130 20
Henry A. Dreer, plants.....	320 77
H. Haerlin, Jr., water lilies.....	28 65
Barnes Nurseries, trees and shrubs.....	212 75
The E. G. Hill Co., hydrangeas and chrysanthemums.....	42 50
Robt. White, trees.....	40 00
Robt. Craig Co., plants.....	32 00
Lager & Hurrell, orchids.....	200 00
Vaughan's Seed Store, cannas.....	39 70
W. A. Manda, plants.....	27 50
	1,242 11
Geo. S. Bartlett, bone meal.....	3 50
Gebhart Ritzi, manure.....	5 00
Louis Moormeier, manure.....	2 00
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., fertilizers.....	7 50
	18 00
Frank Egner, brooms.....	4 00
P. DeRoo, brooms.....	7 50
	11 50
Blumenthal's Pharmacy, horse medicine.....	24 40
John Bailey, horse medicine.....	15 00
	39 40
Dustin & Bell, horses.....	440 00
Perkins-Campbell Co., harness, repairs, whips, etc.....	4 50
G. S. Ellis & Son, harness, repairs, whips, clipping machine, etc.....	99 30
Brockman Harness Co., harness, repairs, whips, etc.....	39 80
	143 60
L. H. McCammon Bros., feed-boxes.....	18 00
The Early & Daniel Co., feed.....	160 08
Jos. Heuermann, feed.....	153 45
Union Grain & Hay Co., feed.....	52 27
	365 50
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services.....	64 50
P. S. Gilroy, sod, soil, etc.....	125 00
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod, soil, etc.....	156 20
	281 20
F. Dhonau & Sons Co., dump-wagon.....	135 00
The German-Russell Co., water-trough.....	25 00
The Rudolph Wurlitzer Co., music-stands.....	27 00
The Alfred Vogeler Drug Co., sponges.....	4 50
Amount carried forward.....	\$29,214 65

Amount brought forward.....	29,214 65
J. A. Trautman & Co., repairs to steam-roller.....	4 50
The German-Russell Co., repairs to steam-roller.....	2 20
McIlvain & Spiegel, repairs to steam-roller.....	3 10
Cincinnati Mill and Mine Supply Co., packing, etc.....	2 58
	12 38
John P. DeCamp, rent of chairs.....	7 50
C. Bardes Sons, tanbark.....	3 00
Standard Oil Co., headlight oil.....	5 93
Chas. H. Moore Oil Co., oil.....	8 00
The Peale Paint and Glass Co., oil.....	4 10
	18 03
Standard Oil Co., oil for roads.....	143 08
The Globe Soap Co., soap for roads.....	57 78
	200 86
M. Biermann, drinking cups.....	17 50
The Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots.....	23 45
The John Shillito Co., crash.....	7 95
The Mabley & Carew Co., toilet-paper.....	6 30
The Fair Co., toilet-paper.....	6 00
	12 30
Collins & Bruggemann Co., framing pictures, etc.....	3 45
J. A. Trautman & Co., fitting up workshop.....	25 03
Hillsboro Stone Co., crushed stone.....	397 21
Patrick Gleason, crushed stone.....	80 73
Louis Hines, crushed stone.....	101 04
	578 98
United States Express Co., express charges.....	8 34
Adams Express Co., express charges.....	4 53
P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., freight charges.....	27 35
	40 22
Emile C. Fussinger, repairs at lake.....	5 45
E. Bowen, twine.....	2 65
Edward Goepper, concerts.....	1,000 00
A. J. Henkel & Bro., crushing stone.....	174 00
Fred. Heindrick, breaking stone.....	7 00
	181 00
Billing, Schulz & Co., cement walks.....	303 81
John J. Bruce Foundry Co., catch-basins, grates, etc.....	26 00
Billing, Schulz & Co., concrete bases for statuary.....	36 27
Mt. Adams Ice and Fuel Co., ice.....	13 90
	379 98
Total Cost of Maintaining Eden Park in 1907.....	\$31,734 38
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BURNET WOODS:	
Payrolls	7,818 67
Early & Daniel, horse-bedding.....	12 50
E. A. Conkling Co., horse-bedding.....	2 00
C. Crane & Co., horse-bedding.....	2 25
	16 75
C. Gerhart, harness, repairs, etc.....	4 55
Perkins-Campbell Co., harness, repairs, etc.....	65 95
G. S. Ellis & Son, harness, repairs, etc.....	5 60
	76 10
T. W. Spinks, gravel for dock.....	18 75
W. C. Peale & Bro., glass.....	2 86
J. L. Schmalz, horseshoeing.....	80 69
Union Gas and Electric Co., light and globes.....	38 17
Wm. A. Biermann, plumbing repairs.....	189 85
Amount carried forward.....	\$8,241 84

Amount brought forward.....	8,241 84
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	9 75
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed.....	75 00
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber.....	63 97
Gustave Adrian, manure.....	5 00
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc....	153 13
M. Biermann, hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	8 45
	161 58
The John J. Bruce Foundry Co., grates and frames.....	58 00
Norfolk & Western Railway Co., car service.....	4 00
H. Belmer & Co., wire netting.....	9 54
Lawrence Beuche, bricklayer.....	6 00
M. Barnes & Co., blue spruce.....	37 50
John Finn, wagon repairs, etc.....	65 30
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	15 00
International Harvester Co., mowing-machine repairs.....	5 50
Chas. H. Moore Oil Co., oil.....	3 71
Jos. Heuermann, feed.....	71 20
The Early & Daniel Co., feed.....	139 42
	210 62
Geo. W. Neare Gibbs, insurance.....	8 00
A. R. Witham's Fire Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 00
The K. F. Benndorf Co., insurance.....	16 00
Eureka Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance.....	8 00
	40 00
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod.....	50 00
The Bradley & Sorin Co., programs for concerts.....	26 00
The Ice Delivery Co., ice.....	10 00
Biltmore Nursery Co., kalmias.....	311 00
	337 00
Total Cost of Maintaining Burnet Woods in 1907.....	\$9,409 31

LINCOLN PARK:

Payrolls	3,122 10
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas and electric light.....	292 68
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.....	375 00
	667 68
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	3 25
A. M. Lewin, lumber for dock.....	45 00
Smith Sand Co., gravel for dock.....	10 80
William Smith, cinders for dock.....	10 20
The Moores-Coney Co., cement for dock.....	41 96
	107 96
The J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber for turnstiles.....	52 41
Crawley Book Machinery Co., castings for turnstiles.....	4 50
Aufderkampe Hardware Co., hardware for turnstiles.....	1 95
	53 86
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed.....	15 00
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc....	31 50
Ira D. Washburn Co., paint and brushes.....	2 54
Jas. H. Kitchen, peafowls.....	5 00
May, Stern & Co., chairs.....	6 00
Smith Sand Co., sand.....	10 00
S. S. Jackson & Co., trees and shrubs.....	21 25
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	22 05
Herman Eggers, sprinkling.....	70 00
Geo. W. Kiesewetter, plumbing repairs.....	37 15
John Ernst, catching deer.....	2 00
Chas. Pommert, gold fish.....	31 00
	253 49
Total Cost of Maintaining Lincoln Park in 1907.....	\$4,213 34

WASHINGTON PARK:

Payrolls	3,539 78
The Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs	1 60
The E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing repairs.....	9 68
Chas. M. Weber, plumbing repairs.....	9 95

Fairmont Coal Co., fuel.....	21 23
Union Gas and Electric Co., light.....	7 00
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed.....	21 18
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed.....	15 00

Ira D. Washburn Co., paint.....	17 70
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	32 70
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools supplies, etc.	19 84

J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools supplies, etc.	8 25

West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant.....	35 50
Wadsworth Stone and Paving Co., rock asphalt.....	22 05
Louisville & Nashville Railway Co., car service.....	385 06
P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., car service.....	2 00
Kirchner Construction Co., rent of roller.....	3 00

Queen City Supply Co., hose and couplings.....	30 00
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod.....	420 06
S. S. Jackson & Co., trees and shrubs.....	21 25

Total Cost of Maintaining Washington Park in 1907.....	392 65

	\$4,561 99

HOPKINS PARK:

Payrolls	756 50
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas light.....	30 44
Peter Bucheit, Sr., manure.....	2 00
Gustave Adrian, manure.....	50

Total Cost of Maintaining Hopkins Park in 1907.....	2 50

	\$789 44

AUBURN PLACE:

Payrolls	598 45
Gustave Adrian, manure.....	3 00
Total Cost of Maintaining Auburn Place in 1907.....	-----

McKINLEY PLACE:

Payrolls	1,316 57
Smith Sand Co., sand.....	22 00
J. P. Doppes Sons Lumber Co., lumber, installing fountain	16 00
J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, installing fountain.....	6 55

P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., freight charges on fountain.....	22 55
The Moores-Coney Co., sand and gravel.....	2 47
E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing.....	5 40
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod.....	26 40

Total Cost of Maintaining McKinley Place in 1907.....	11 00

	\$1,406 39

VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK:

Payrolls	-----
	\$609 57

OWLS'-NEST PARK:

Payrolls	\$600 00
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LYTLE PARK:

Payrolls	686 31
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel.....	13 00
Union Gas and Electric Co., light.....	33 91
	46 91

Total Cost of maintaining Lytle Park in 1907.....	\$733 22
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TYLER DAVIDSON FOUNTAIN:

Payrolls	1,387 00
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs.....	20 80
Collins & Bruggemann Co., frames for rules.....	3 45
E. J. Holzhalb, plat of fountain.....	25 00
The Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots.....	6 70
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., coke breeze.....	5 70
Queen City Supply Co., hose.....	37 50
The Alms & Doepeke Co., brooms.....	7 35
A. Jansen & Co., brooms.....	2 90
	10 25

Total Cost of maintaining Tyler Davidson Fountain in 1907.....	\$1,496 40
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EAST END PARK:

Edw. J. Holzhalb, measuring sidewalk.....	8 00
H. Belmer & Co., wire netting.....	4 77
Total Cost of maintaining East End Park in 1907.....	\$12 77

WILSON COMMON:

Singleton & Ruffner, repairs to roof.....	23 00
Frederick Tischbein, rent.....	15 10
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc.....	18 69
E. J. Holzhalb, engineering services.....	170 00
Total cost of maintaining Wilson Common for 1907.....	\$226 79

INWOOD PARK:

Jos. H. Batsche, vault cleaning.....	\$10 00
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SUNDRY EXPENSES FOR ALL PARKS:

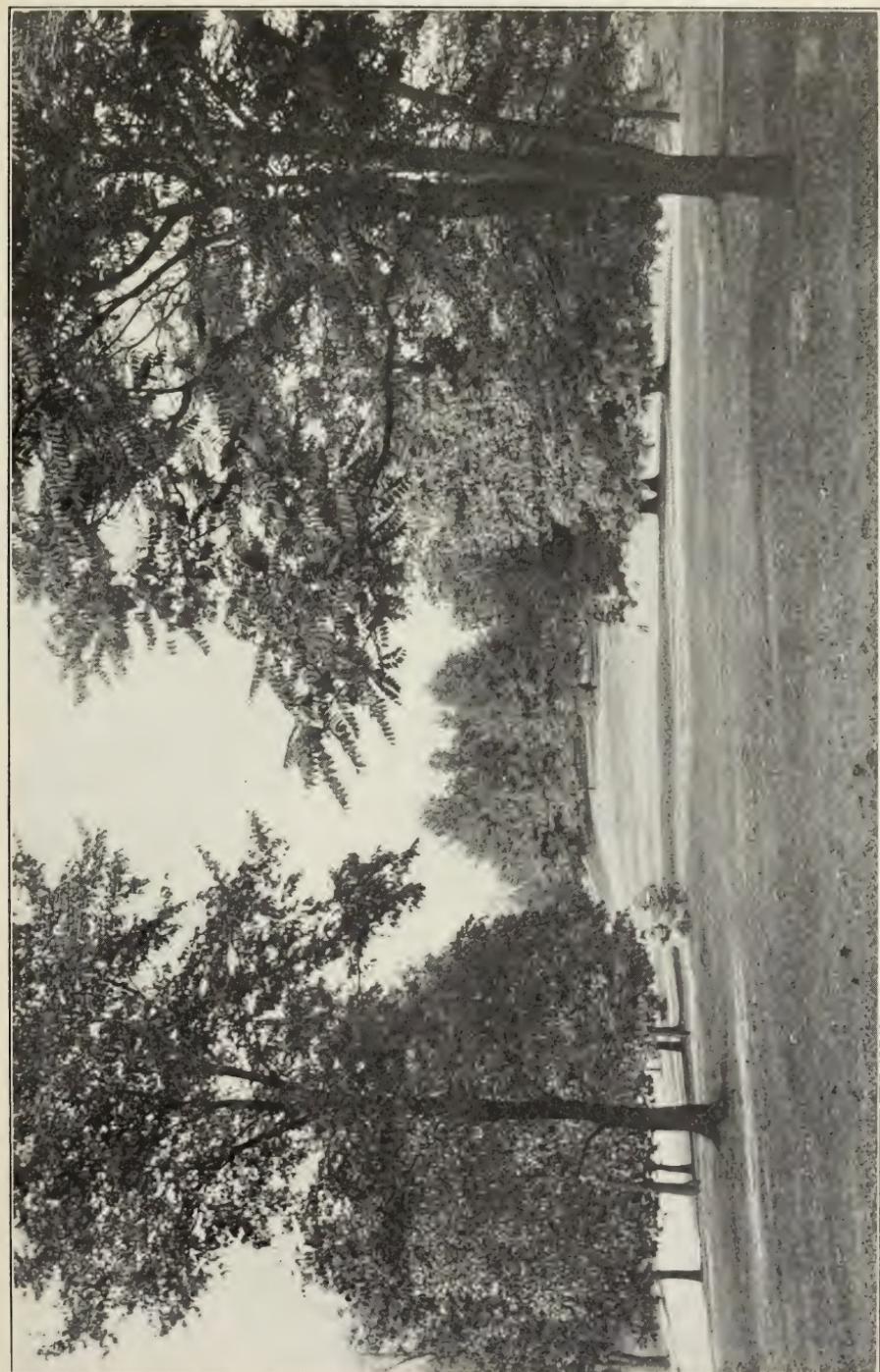
Fidelity and Deposit Co., premiums on bonds.....	40 00
S. M. Ferris Agency, premiums on bonds.....	6 00
	46 00
Dr. J. T. Davis, veterinary services.....	15 00
Carey & Zimmermann, insurance on stables.....	42 50
C. Hennecke Co., park benches.....	351 00
The Wm. H. Moon Co., trees, shrubs, etc.....	659 24
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services.....	18 00
Jacob Fox, umbrella.....	3 95
J. W. Rodgers, cash paid.....	33 93
Total Cost of Sundry Expenses charged to all parks in 1907.....	\$1,169 62

EXPENSES INCIDENTAL to Office of Superintendent of Parks:

Payrolls (Superintendent of Parks and Stenographers).....	3,519 50
B. & H. Meyer, horse-keep.....	142 93
F. B. Maertz, horse-keep.....	99 20
Ben Grote, horse-keep.....	26 63
	268 76
J. W. Rodgers, convention expenses.....	177 50
Anthony Herschede, convention expenses.....	112 75
Price Hill Incline Plane R. R. Co., freight tickets.....	50 00
Cincinnati Traction Co., freight tickets.....	10 00
	60 00
The J. H. Louis Carriage and Wagon Co., buggy repairs...	5 30
Chas. Behlen's Sons Co., buggy repairs.....	63 30
	63 60
Ryan Bros., horseshoeing.....	42 50
Bock Bros., harness repairs.....	1 05
Brockmann Harness Co., harness, etc.....	30 00
The John Shillito Co., carriage-robe.....	4 00
	35 05
Total Expenses Incidental to Office of Sup't of Parks in 1907.....	\$4,284 66

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH OFFICE:

E. J. Lee, photographs.....	14 25
Rombach & Groene, photographs.....	70 30
Barg & Schulte, photographs, etc.....	4 37
Huber Art Co., kodak and films.....	1 15
	90 07
Samuel Minter, repairing chairs.....	2 00
Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Co., telephones.....	125 00
Western Union Telegraph Co., clock-rental.....	12 00
The Globe-Wernicke Co., files.....	8 10
American Florist Co., periodical.....	1 00
Municipal Journal and Engineer Co., periodical.....	6 00
Horticulture Publishing Co., periodical.....	1 00
Florists' Exchange, periodical.....	1 00
Herman Boesche, newspaper.....	6 40
	15 40
U. P. James, botanical books.....	11 45
The Enquirer Co., postage.....	35 00
George E. Bryan, printing, etc.....	16 50
Eagle Lithographing Co., printing.....	10 00
Cohen & Co., printing.....	24 50
The Miami Press, printing.....	23 00
	74 00
Webb Stationery and Printing Co., office supplies, etc.....	1 50
Pounsford Stationery Co., office supplies, etc.....	13 81
D. Carroll Thomas, office supplies, etc.....	1 90
Sellers, Davis & Co., office supplies, etc.....	12 10
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., office supplies, etc.....	1 45
W. H. Stanage & Co., office supplies, etc.....	18 45
	49 21
Underwood Typewriter Co., rent of typewriter.....	16 03
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., typewriter, desk, etc.....	146 83
	162 86
Collins & Bruggemann, framing pictures.....	20 48
Williams Directory Co., City Directory.....	7 00
M. C. Dow, soap.....	2 20
Cincinnati Blue Print Co., blue prints.....	3 10
Total Expenses charged to Office Supplies, etc., during 1907.....	\$617 87



VISTA LAWN—BURNET WOODS

PARK EXTENSION FUND

The following statement includes all Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of Bonds under the Longworth Act for the purpose of purchasing and improving New Park Property.

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts to December 31, 1906.....	943,727 81
Receipts for 1907:	
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 67, for purpose / of improving new park property.....	10,000 00
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2006, for purchase of Ludlow Avenue Triangle property, and improvements to same.....	86,000 00
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2091, for purpose of acquiring small parcel of ground at Hunt Street Park	800 00
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2006, for purpose of acquiring portion of Hubbard Tract property	17,500 00
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 1977, for purpose of acquiring Barr, Kenyon, Mound and Cutter streets property, and improving same.....	300,000 00
	414,300 00
Total Receipts from 1904 to December 31, 1907.....	\$1,358,027 81

EXPENDITURES

Bond issue expenses.....	1,455 29
Premiums and accrued interest on bonds sold, and rents and receipts from sale of houses, etc.....	73,355 87
Total expense connected with Park Extension Bonds.....	74,811 16
Ordinance No. 672—Engineers, rodmen; etc.....	4,627 26
1907—Ordinance No. 672—Services of engineer, etc.....	267 50
Total expenses connected with engineers, surveys, etc.....	4,894 76
Vine and Hollister property.....	14,429 82
Improvement to Vine and Hollister Park.....	6,044 50
Total cost of Vine and Hollister Park.....	20,474 32
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property.....	1,880 27
Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property	555 00
1907—Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property	118 53
Total cost of Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park.....	2,553 80
East-End Park property.....	36,555 42
1907—Improvement to East-End Park.....	662 50
Total cost of East-End Park.....	37,217 92
Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore property.....	12,324 90
Improvement to Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Park.....	386 53
Total cost of Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore corner.....	12,711 43
Amount carried forward.....	\$152,668 89

Amount brought forward.....	152,663 39
Lytle Park property.....	242,898 31
Improvement to Lytle Park.....	3,072 81
1907—Improvement to Lytle Park.....	9,675 36
	<u>12,748 17</u>
Total cost of Lytle Park.....	255,646 48
Calhoun Street property.....	71,528 91
1907—Calhoun Street property.....	1,097 65
	<u>72,626 56</u>
Improvement to Calhoun Street property.....	3,212 31
1907—Improvement to Calhoun Street property.....	966 94
	<u>4,179 25</u>
Total cost of Calhoun Street property.....	76,805 81
McKinley Place property.....	50,694 39
Improvement to McKinley Place.....	5,066 44
Total cost of McKinley Place.....	55,760 83
Auburn Place property.....	21 555 15
Improvement to Auburn Place.....	4,842 60
Total cost of Auburn Place.....	26,397 76
Owls'-Nest Park (taxes, recording deed, etc).....	332 83
Improvement of Owls'-Nest Park.....	178 28
Total cost of Owls'-Nest Park.....	561 11
Wilson Common (taxes and recording deed, etc).....	174 55
Fourth, Fifth, Park and Mill Sts. property (examination of title)	390 00
Hunt Street Park property.....	247,793 13
Improvement to Hunt Street Park.....	7,254 81
1907—Improvement to Hunt Street Park.....	1,795 75
	<u>9,050 56</u>
Total cost of Hunt Street Park.....	256,843 69
Inwood Park property.....	105,138 59
1907—Inwood Park property.....	3,207 69
	<u>108,346 28</u>
Improvement of Inwood Park.....	20 00
Total cost of Inwood Park.....	108,366 28
Barr, Kenyon, Mound and Cutter streets property.....	520 00
Ludlow Avenue Triangle property.....	120 00
1907—Ludlow Avenue Triangle property.....	81,664 06
Total cost Ludlow Avenue Triangle.....	81,784 06
Hubbard Tract property.....	30 00
1907—Hubbard Tract property.....	17,363 62
Total cost Hubbard Tract.....	17,393 62
Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of new parks	539 26
Miscellaneous improvements to new parks.....	390 00
Total miscellaneous expenses for property and improvements.....	929 26
Columbia Avenue Park property.....	2 00
Expenses of Park Commission.....	1,834 47
1907—Expenses of Park Commission.....	7,948 78
Total expenses of Park Commission.....	9,783 25
Total amount spent from Park Extension Fund to Dec. 31, 1907.....	1,044,022 08
Balance on hand December 31, 1907.....	<u>314,005 73</u>
	<u>\$1,358,027 81</u>

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CINCINNATI, OHIO
1908 - 1910

R E P O R T

OF THE

Board of Park Commissioners

OF THE

CITY OF CINCINNATI

DECEMBER 10, 1908

TO

DECEMBER 31, 1910

CINCINNATI:

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

December 10, 1908, to December 10, 1909

L. A. AULT.....	<i>President, 3-year term</i>
W.M. GILBERT.....	<i>Vice-President, 2-year term</i>
JULIUS FLEISCHMANN.....	<i>1-year term</i>

EMPLOYEES

M. C. LONGENECKER.....	<i>Secretary</i>
J. W. RODGERS.....	<i>Superintendent</i>

December 10, 1909, to December 10, 1910

L. A. AULT.....	<i>President, 3-year term</i>
W.M. GILBERT.....	<i>Vice-President, 2-year term</i>
*JULIUS FLEISCHMANN.....	Reappointed for 3 years
GEORGE PUCHTA.....	Appointed June 23 to fill unexpired 3-year term

EMPLOYEES

M. C. LONGENECKER.....	<i>Secretary and Executive Officer</i>
GEORGE E. KESSLER.....	<i>Landscape Architect</i>
C. H. MEEDS.....	<i>Chief Engineer</i>
HERBERT GREENSMITH.....	<i>Superintendent of Maintenance</i>

* Resigned June 23, 1910.

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FOREWORD

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—In 1907, four years ago, a special temporary Park Commission and Advisory Commission, working together, authorized the writer to develop for the city a general scheme of park improvements.

Although four years have intervened between the submission of that general plan and a real beginning toward its accomplishment, the value of such a general plan has evidently impressed itself most thoroughly upon the public, and particularly upon those having given sufficient attention to the plan itself to feel that this development is possible and essential and worthy of the city's importance. It is, therefore, particularly gratifying to find that in the considerable current purchases the general plan has been consistently adhered to, and so, with one fragment after another coming into public possession, the ultimate accomplishment of the entire development seems possible.

1908-10 CINCINNATI PARKS

While it required two years to secure a park commission in its present form, and a further two years, making four in all, to secure, after exceedingly earnest efforts, one million dollars for acquisition and improvement of properties within the lines of the general plan, it is distinctly encouraging that the community shows a realization of its needs. The present time is, therefore, the real beginning of establishment of these exceedingly necessary improvements in the City of Cincinnati.

The very great enjoyment which the public, particularly the children, received from playgrounds and open spaces established in these four years out of former Park Extension Funds, most

thoroughly justifies your policy of considerable extension of the system of small playgrounds in congested districts in the city. These, together with the wise increase of more ample school grounds, will drain many of the streets of children, and will give them at least some of the opportunities for healthful play to which they are surely entitled.

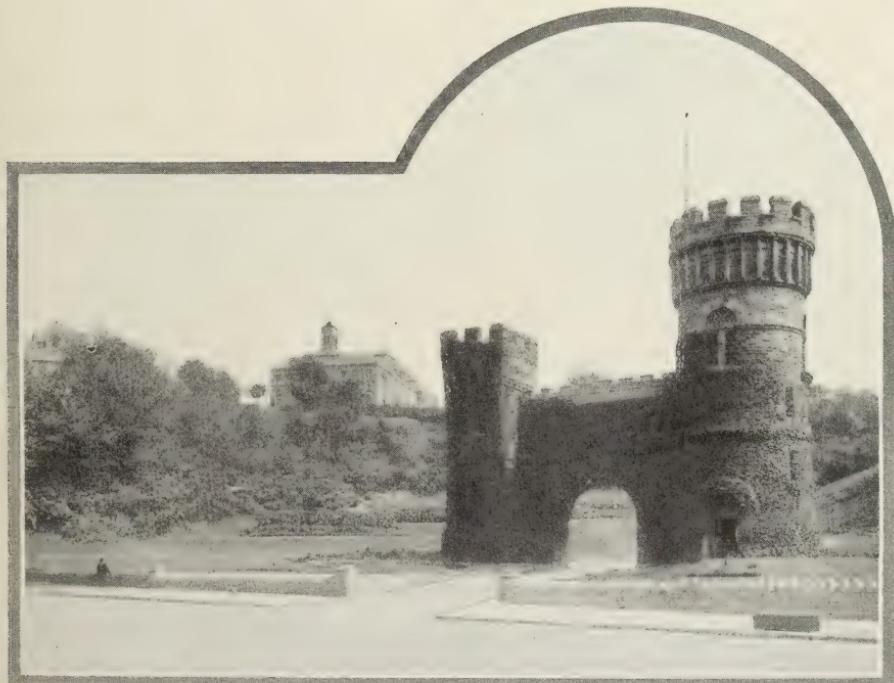
In addition to the local down-town playgrounds, the parkways embraced within the general plan in the many different residence districts also happily provide for just such local playgrounds as essential elements of their usefulness, and the early acquisition out of present funds of some of these parkways will accomplish the dual purpose of providing playgrounds as well as connecting thoroughfares between principal parks and principal residence districts. There are many characteristically beautiful properties lying within the areas recommended in the general plan which it will not be possible to acquire out of the fund recently authorized. Among them, however, there are some properties which should be secured now, although their improvement may be considerably delayed. The rapid growth of the residential districts will absorb quite a number of very fine lands essential to the accomplishment of these general improvements, and it is certainly the part of wisdom and material economy to secure some of these now. Until certain of your essentially fine viewpoints, which are not yet public property, are acquired, and until these are conveniently connected with each other and with existing fine park lands by means of parkways and a moderate mileage of boulevards, the public will not fully realize the very great potential beauty of the city and the tremendous commercial and civic value of fine appearance.

The establishment of the boulevards proposed under the general recommendations and their improvement and proper maintenance can not be too strongly urged. This will further serve to unify the city and its different residential sections and

bring immediate enhancement of values to the lands they serve, incidentally materially increasing the general tax duplicate. Because of their direct benefit to adjoining private properties, these boulevards should be established and improved at the expense of the localities in which they are established, and not become charges against the community as a whole. Naturally, however, one exception to this is the proposed boulevard along the canal. This project is today as urgently necessary as it was at the time of preparing the general park plans, and remains essentially the key to your whole improvement plan. No other single portion of the entire project stands out so strongly as of general necessity and value to the entire community.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE E. KESSLER.



ELSINORE TOWER, ENTRANCE TO EDEN PARK

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the work done under direction of your Board from December 10, 1908, when control of the park properties of Cincinnati was taken over, to December 31, 1910, together with the financial statements for the years 1908 and 1909, no Park Reports having been published for those years.

Soon after the Board organized in December, 1908, an inspection of park properties was made, which, summed up, consisted of six established or older parks, two playgrounds, and nineteen pieces of unimproved land of various sizes.

An inventory of working material showed an equipment inadequate to carry on economically the work necessary to bring the present parks to a creditable standard. That a better standard be attained, additional funds were an imperative necessity, and justified the Board, on December 30, 1908, in their request to Council to issue bonds in the sum of \$125,000 for the improvement of existing properties. Owing to limitations of statutes, it was found these much-needed funds could not be issued. It was then decided to request Council to submit to the electors of the city, at a special election, the question of issuing \$1,000,000 in bonds for the purchase and improvement of additional park lands, but unfortunately, in this election the required two-thirds vote in the affirmative was not received, and consequently the much-needed money was not forthcoming.

The Board, handicapped through failure to receive the necessary money, proceeded with the improvement of the existing properties. The most notable was the Sinton Playground, bounded by Mound Street, Kenyon Avenue, Barr and Cutter Streets, an entire city block of 2.33 acres, which was so constructed as to combine an attractive park with a well-equipped playground for boys and girls as an adjunct. Equally important was the construction of "Sinton Shelter," combining in one large building, sixteen shower baths, toilet facilities, sand courts, a screened reading-room and a large shelter-room, at a cost of \$32,308.06. This building was named in honor of Mr. David Sinton, father

of Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft, who generously gave \$10,000 toward the cost of construction.

Hunt Street Athletic Field was sufficiently well graded to lay out three good base ball diamonds, which were in almost constant use, especially on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Woodward Park, at the foot of East Rockdale Avenue, was opened on the Fourth of July, 1909, with a celebration consisting of base ball and other athletic games in the afternoon, and in the evening fireworks and other display. This park combines a natural woods and a playground equipped with swings, rings, teeters and other playground paraphernalia for small children, and two good tennis courts and a base ball diamond. Suitable seats for the ball field were constructed, and an iron flagpole erected, due largely to the enterprise of the Avondale Improvement Association.

The Board, after it assumed control, from balances remaining in the funds of the Park Department for the purchase and improvement of new lands, acquired the following properties: The Mt. Echo property, comprising 46.283 acres, for the sum of \$61,151.40. The site at Young and Ringgold Streets, overlooking the city, approximately 2 acres, for \$25,498.76. On April 9, 1909, the old Jackson nursery, comprising 23.29 acres in extent, was leased for a period of ten years at an annual rental of \$420 per year, and the nursery stock thereon purchased for \$2,000. A renewal privilege of an additional ten years was included in the leasehold at \$470 per annum.

Work was immediately commenced on these properties in the nature of grading and landscaping, and the work under way of like character at Inwood, Hubbard and the Ludlow avenue extension of Burnet Woods was continued to a point of completion.



WHAT A PARK OFFERS

A BRIEF RESUME OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR 1910

Eden Park

The first work of the season was to clear and clean up the slopes surrounding the reservoir, from the roadway to the water edge, which were in a badly neglected condition. The uneven and unsightly appearance of the approach at the southeast side of the concrete bridge above the greenhouse on the Park Avenue drive was cleared, the hill cut back from five to fifteen feet, and a long slope established. This was solidly planted with forsythias, permitting a full view of the bridge.

The flower-bed features of this park, a source of much admiration, were not neglected. Much planting was done, both in the spring and fall, and altogether 48 trees, 6,526 shrubs and 182 conifers were distributed and planted in various parts of the park. Most of this was done in the spring, while in the fall the grading of the two large knolls at the main entrance on Gilbert avenue, was a much-needed improvement. This added to the width of the entrance nearly eighty-five feet. The former slopes were carried back, tieing in with the grass surfaces of the hill-sides; 1,017 yards of new sod were laid, and 300 mahonia aquifolia planted as a background. A pathway, approximately 500 feet long, commencing at Eden Park entrance with stepping stones over the lawn, entering the wooded hillside, then extending by a 3-foot path and steps in an easy manner towards the Art Museum, was constructed with macadam and coated with tarvia. A large knoll on the southeastern corner of the park in Mt. Adams was graded, opening a broad view of the northeastern part of the park, the reservoir, the Ohio River and the Kentucky shore for miles. Across the drive from this point, and leading up to the higher grounds around the Mt. Adams shelter-house, a flight of twenty-three stone steps was built, bordered on both sides with a heavy shrubbery.

Owing to the remodeling of the main entrance to Gilbert Avenue and the construction of a new roadway, the grades on

each side of the drive, for a distance of six hundred feet, had to be re-established, and much of the sod lifted and relaid. A new system of drainage, with additional catch-basins and a new water line with hose-boxes for sprinkling were installed for the whole distance indicated above. The old, decayed and dangerous wooden steps near the bridge leading to the Art Museum were removed and a series of stone steps was substituted; the rearranging of the grade of the slope was left in an unfinished condition for this year, owing to unfavorable weather conditions. In the spring of 1911 work at this place will be completed and the whole hill-side planted.

A large cellar and cistern on Cellar Hill, unsightly and dangerous menaces for years, were filled with approximately four hundred yards of dirt, and 200 additional loads of soil were distributed around the roots of the various trees, some of which were not only exposed but undermined, and were being broken off and destroyed.

Two beds, four feet wide and 30 feet long, were dug out, suitable soil hauled, and put in condition for the use of the Kindergarten Departments of the public schools, a useful and beneficial work, much appreciated and enjoyed.

The unsightly row of white and Carolina poplar trees along the east side of Gilbert Avenue, very badly infested with San Jose scale, was taken down and replaced with sycamores, to correspond with the plantations on the west side when grown; eighty-six trees were planted on Gilbert Avenue and five on Elsinore Avenue. Much time was spent in trimming and pruning trees, and many dead ones were removed. Spraying, in its season, was attended to and, with the exception of wild cherry, Eden Park is free from insect pests.

Much time and labor were spent in an effort to find a number of leaks in the lakes on Luray Avenue at the upper end of Eden Park, some of which were discovered and stopped. The middle division was puddled with brick clay, the overflow from the upper and lower lakes was raised and made level, and a cement wall seventy-two feet long and seven feet deep was constructed on the southeast side, in order to dam up an old culvert and to become a part of the retaining embankment. The lower lake will

EDEN PARK GREEN HOUSES
OHIO RIVER FROM EDEN PARK WATER TOWER
CINCINNATI, O.

be taken into consideration and dealt with this spring. A drain line 124 feet long, having two additional catch-basins, was put in at the extreme northern end of this section of the park, to carry off the surplus drainage from the roadways and adjoining grounds.

The brick chimney at the green-house was raised twenty-six feet at a cost of \$251.50, to provide a better draft, and should result in a saving of coal and the use of but one boiler, except in extreme cold weather, when it may be necessary to operate two. The interior of four green-houses was scraped and painted with two coats of paint by our own men. A reinforced concrete bench or plant table was constructed, replacing an old decayed wooden one. The heating apparatus has all been gone over, remodeled and put in a much more perfect heating condition; all the pipes have been placed on swinging bearings, which allow for expansion and contraction without strain on the frame work of the building.

The chrysanthemum show at the green-houses last fall was a decided success, especially the three Sundays the exhibition was in progress, when from four to five thousand people took advantage of the exhibition. A large number of plants of new varieties were added, and were much admired and praised, especially the small pompon and single varieties.

The flower beds around the green-houses were of a higher standard, excepting a few periods when they appeared to be deteriorating. Upon examination it was found that these were constructed upon filled ground in much too shallow soil, and room for plant development had not been given due consideration. To remedy this the beds were dug deeper and the old soil removed and replaced with new virgin soil, from which we hope to obtain better results. These beds are over seven hundred feet long by three feet in width. Several of the beds were, as usual, planted with spring flowering bulbs.

During the year 26,800 square yards of roadway were built, of which about 20,000 square yards were treated with oil and 17,700 square yards with a mixture of 12-14 gravity oil, and from 15 to 20 per cent of asphalt. Besides the roads entirely rebuilt, 6,630 square yards were resurfaced, and about 4,000 square yards of the latter treated with oil containing no asphalt.

There were 2,941.37 square feet of cement walks laid, and 1,230.45 lineal feet of concrete gutter constructed. Also 570 lineal feet of sewer pipe were laid, a considerable portion of this being 12-inch pipe, and a number of inlets were rebuilt and repaired. A cinder walk of 940 square yards treated with tarvia, was laid at the main entrance between Gilbert Avenue and the bridge.

The remodeling of the entrance at Gilbert Avenue made it necessary to repave 663.2 square yards of granite paving and to relay the cross-walks. The granite paving and cross-walks were laid by the Street Repair Department, under our supervision, the cost of the above being paid by the Park Department.

A concrete and brick wall, approximately 2,111 lineal feet in length, was constructed along the main driveway and the road leading from the main driveway to the Art Museum, making not only an ornamental feature along this road, but also serving as a protection for automobiles and carriages along the dangerous bank above the reservoir.

The new water service installed provided for a large bubbling drinking fountain on the north side of the entrance at Gilbert Avenue.



WINTER SCENE, CONCRETE BRIDGE, EDEN PARK

Hunt Street Athletic Grounds

Owing to the heavy grade on these grounds and the filled surface being composed principally of ashes, considerable washing is constantly occurring after every heavy rain. To obviate this, at the steepest part of the sloping bank and also behind the summit of the slope along its entire length, a grass or sod gutter at an average width of about nine feet was constructed, and 2,700 yards of sod laid, to carry off the surface water into catch-basins, which were set at intervals of 125 feet, and drain tile conducted into the sewer. In all 1,380 feet of drainage pipe was thus laid to care for surface drainage on these grounds.

Forty loads of soil were hauled from Garfield Park to surface the ground under the playground paraphernalia, a much needed and appreciated improvement; in fact, the whole of these grounds ought to be surfaced with soil and sown with grass as soon as possible to prevent the continuous washing of a large amount of glass to the surface, and also to give a better appearance.

Foundations for two 6,000-gallon tanks for road oil have been built, the tanks placed, and a heavy retaining wall built around and below them.

An additional 1,825 lineal feet of water service, consisting of galvanized wrought iron pipes varying from $\frac{3}{4}$ inches to 2 inches in diameter, together with nine hose-boxes for sprinkling purposes and two drinking fountains, were installed.

Lytle Park

In this park very little has been done during the past season, other than maintenance work, which included the replacing of some shrubs, the resodding of the frontage on the Fourth Street side and the embankment on Lawrence Street, in which nearly 700 yards of sod were used, the usual annual summer bedding, and the planting of beds in the fall with spring flowering bulbs. The playground was oiled, and new drains put in. Levels were taken and a plat made, looking forward to the location of a comfort station at this park.

Madison Park

A caretaker was placed on these grounds during the summer months, the place was generally cleaned up, and the sloping banks on each side graded for a distance of 400 feet in length and 11 feet in width on Erie Avenue and for 525 feet in length and 13 feet in average width on Madison Road. Three large flower beds were made and planted, but owing to the lack of funds and the general rough character of the place, its general maintenance was not of as high a standard as desired.

Johnson Park

This small park was much admired and many favorable comments made. By reducing the privet hedge on Gilbert Avenue, this park became more conspicuous and open to public view. The bedding features were made and kept up in fairly good shape all summer, five sycamore trees were planted, and a fill 4 to 5 feet deep, 650 feet long and 4½ feet wide was made on the west side of the park adjoining the railroad. This will permit the extension of the privet hedge along the whole length of the property, screening the railroad track, which will make the park more beautiful than ever.

Washington Park

Considerable work was done in this park throughout the entire season. Attention was given first to the weak, worn-out grass plots, which were covered with a fresh, yellowish clay loam from Burnet Woods; bone meal and commercial fertilizer were also applied, and new seed sown, resulting in a much improved appearance. A border of shrubbery, approximately 1,900 plants in all, in various varieties, practically encircling the whole outer edge of the park, was planted in early spring. The majority of these have done well, considering the close environments of this down-town park, where but few shrubs and trees seem to thrive. Quite a few varieties were planted for the purpose of experiment, to determine which would grow best; notations of these have

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that the laws of physics are the same all the time? This is a question that has been asked many times over the years. The answer is that it is not known for certain whether the laws of physics are the same all the time or not. However, there is a good deal of evidence that suggests that they are.

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Two large stretches of tarvia roadway were laid, the old asphalt roadway was repaired in many places, and replaced with a tarvia treatment in others. In all about 1,100 yards of roads or paths were thus built, and seem to be giving satisfaction. All of the benches, numbering 280, were painted, the usual bedding features of the park maintained, 300 goldfish were placed in the fountain basin, and the general condition of the park well maintained.

A survey, levels and plat of the walks, showing the location of the lake, were taken, with a view to the location of a combined shelter-house, comfort station and bandstand.

Garfield Park

Practically the same treatment accorded Washington and Lincoln Parks was given Garfield, and, according to the report of an old resident, this park was green all summer for the first time in fifteen years, and is in fairly good condition today. The annual bedding features of the park were done away with, and the beds or borders planted with shrubbery. The cement path through the center of the park was widened 24 inches on each side, and new benches were bolted down and placed further back, giving pedestrians a more favorable opportunity of passing through.

Vine and Hollister

The maintenance of this place was of an excellent character, and the bedding exceptionally fine, showing rare taste and assiduous attention. Escaping gases from street mains caused some few trees to die and damaged part of the grass on the lawn in the southern end near Hollister Street; this was remedied. Nineteen trees were planted, the fountain in the center raised about sixteen inches, and the walks raised and repaired. Two hundred and forty-three feet of sewer pipe were laid for drains, and five new inlets built.

Inwood Park

Besides the large amount of construction work in progress all summer and late in the fall, 800 trees and 2,600 shrubs were planted in this park during the spring and fall planting seasons. The hillsides received a dressing of manure and soil, grass seed was sown, and during the latter part of the year things began to assume a more park-like appearance.



HARRISON MONUMENT, GARFIELD PARK

Two thousand four hundred square yards of stone and cinder walks were constructed. Three thousand three hundred square yards of playground surface was covered with cinders and treated with tarvia. Three hundred and eighty lineal feet of stepping stones were laid near the lake, and about two-thirds of this work remains yet to be done. There were 7,347.3 square feet of cement walk and 1,024.7 lineal feet of steps and coping built. A wading-pool 60x45 feet was constructed. Two thousand and fifty-one lineal feet of cast iron pipe and 3,263 lineal feet of galvanized wrought iron pipe, making a total of 5,314 lineal feet of pipe, varying from 1 inch to 3 inches in diameter, was laid for water service. Seven valves, 5 drinking fountains, and 27 hose-boxes were installed. Nine hundred and ninety lineal feet of vitrified pipe and 420 lineal feet of farm tile were laid for drains, and 20 inlets to care for surface drainage were built.

A flame arc lighting system on 50-foot poles was installed, and all the work in connection therewith done by the Union Gas and Electric Company. The location of poles, however, was made by this department. The entire system is that of underground conduits. These should last for many years, and are so located that should it be deemed desirable to change the present system of lighting, the same could be done without great additional expense.

For drainage and water service, this park is well equipped. To prevent serious washing of the steep hillsides by rain, it was necessary to have a large number of inlets and a considerable quantity of drain pipe. The hose-boxes are so located that, to reach every portion of the ground, will require one hundred feet of hose.

Money spent for much of this work makes but little showing above ground, but will prove a saving of maintenance expense in the care of this park. Good drainage and good water service are as essential to park properties as any other part of the work, and Inwood is better supplied with both than any of our other parks.

Considerable grading was done during the year, mostly of a landscape nature, necessitating much reshaping of the grounds in some places to accommodate the walks.

Burnet Woods

An excellent condition was maintained in this park all summer. Much time and labor were spent in building up the waste and wash of years around the magnificent beech trees, which are now in a rapid state of decay. Eight hundred loads (1,510 yards) of soil were used in filling in and around these trees and numerous small wash-outs. Twelve large beech and three large oak trees were cut down in the fall, all of which had died during the summer months. The bridle path leading from the St. Clair Street entrance toward Clifton Avenue was reshaped and put in good condition.

A new path 250 feet long and 4 feet wide, to accommodate students and pedestrians journeying from the University drive towards Camp Washington, was put in. The old wooden steps were taken out and replaced with stone steps and a plantation or border of shrubbery placed around them.

Some 700 feet of new sewer or drain pipe were laid, and six new catch-basins built. Considerable grading around the entrance and barn on St. Clair Street, and also around the outlet from lake, was done. Four large new flower beds were made and planted with geraniums and cannas in the spring. A large amount of



BEECH GROVE, BURNET WOODS

grading was also accomplished on the northwest corner of the park at Ludlow and Clifton Avenues, and work undertaken towards grading a large knoll of land preparatory to the widening of the entrance on Ludlow Avenue. Sixteen hundred yards of sod were laid, and also a large amount of grass seeding was accomplished with good results in various parts of the park.

The various roads were repaired and oiled, those most traveled receiving two coats of coverings, which served to keep them in good repair and thoroughly kept down the dust.

A small addition was put on the wagon shed, providing for the housing of one of the wagons and other small tools. The barn was given two coats of paint and put in a good state of repair.

A summary of the planting shows that 149 trees, 2,262 shrubs and 50 conifers or evergreen trees, and about 5,000 tulips were planted in this park.

Wilson Commons

A caretaker was in charge during the summer months, the place was tidy, and general maintenance work kept up, but no general improvements were made.

Hubbard Tract

Apart from general construction work, which consisted of approximately 7,480.03 cubic yards of grading, 1,010 lineal feet of paved gutter, 550 square yards of cinder walk, 430 lineal feet of sewer pipe, and 5 inlets, nothing was attempted but the seeding of the surface to grass and the planting of 32 trees. Early winter setting in stopped further operations.

Sinton Park

In this park the problem of maintaining park features alongside of sand pits and wading pools is a difficult one, and the condition will require intelligent handling by a versatile care-

taker to adjust to a good state of maintenance. There were planted in this park last spring 706 shrubs and 56 trees; some did very well, while a few died. All suffered more or less from rough usage by the children, and even grown people, for the reasons above stated. Work will again be resumed in the early spring, with the hope of bringing about better results the coming season.

Auburn Place

Maintenance of this park was very neatly kept up; the usual bedding features showed excellent taste, and were well maintained throughout the whole season. Ten trees were planted to replace those that had died in the fall, and the beds were all planted in tulips.



NIGHT SCENE, SINTON PLAYGROUNDS

Lincoln Park

Much work of improvement was carried out in this park during the spring months. The lawns were fertilized and mulched with clean, fresh, loamy soil and bone meal, with resultant benefit. The scattered shrubbery which had been planted singly and at random all over the lawns was gathered up and planted in groups on the outer edges of the park, thus opening up the area of the lawns and giving them a much larger appearance. The outer edges of the lake were repaired and made more presentable by the laying of nearly 400 yards of sod. Two large groups of shrubbery were also placed at the main entrance on Freeman Avenue.

There were added to the shrubbery above mentioned some 1,300 other shrubs in various varieties, which made a continuous border on Hopkins Street from Freeman Avenue to President Place on the western boundary. The Kenner Street side was also accorded the same treatment for two-thirds of the distance.

Some seventy trees were also planted, partly during the spring planting and at the Arbor Day celebration on April 8, on which occasion seven of our public schools, the House of Refuge and several of our civic organizations participated in the patriotic exercises and the planting of trees. Judging by the large and enthusiastic crowd of people in attendance, the event was a complete success.

Approximately 1,400 yards of soil were hauled into this park, and the northwestern corner was graded, preparatory to installing playground paraphernalia.

The benches, candy and bandstands were repaired and painted, and a greatly improved system of lighting was installed through the whole park. The general maintenance and summer bedding features were kept up to their usual standard.

Rochelle and Falke

Apart from general maintenance in this small triangular place, a trench $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep, 3 feet wide and 175 feet long was excavated out of solid rock, and all the material was hauled away

and replaced with good soil from Burnet Woods, in which 440 California privet were planted as a hedge and screen along the railway tracks. Six *ampelopsis veitchii* were planted to cover the end of a building. Ground and rock were excavated on Rochelle Street in order to plant seven maple trees, all of which are in first-class condition. There were laid 3,928 square feet of cement walk, 172 lineal feet of drain tile and vitrified pipe and 42 lineal feet of water service, and one drinking fountain was set.

Mt. Echo Park

In this park general maintenance work was kept up, the playground improved, and a new backstop put up. The greater part of the road was oiled, using 22 barrels of oil, which not only preserved the road, but kept down the dust all summer, and 140 trees were planted in early spring, nearly all of them doing well. Four flower beds were made and planted in cannas and geraniums. An old house was torn down and the surroundings filled in and roughly graded. The barn was repaired and generally cleaned up, two rainwater cisterns filled, and other minor details cared for. Eight hundred and fourteen lineal feet of 3-inch cast iron pipe and 155 lineal feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch lead pipe were laid for water service. Two drinking fountains were set, and 172 feet of vitrified drain pipe laid.



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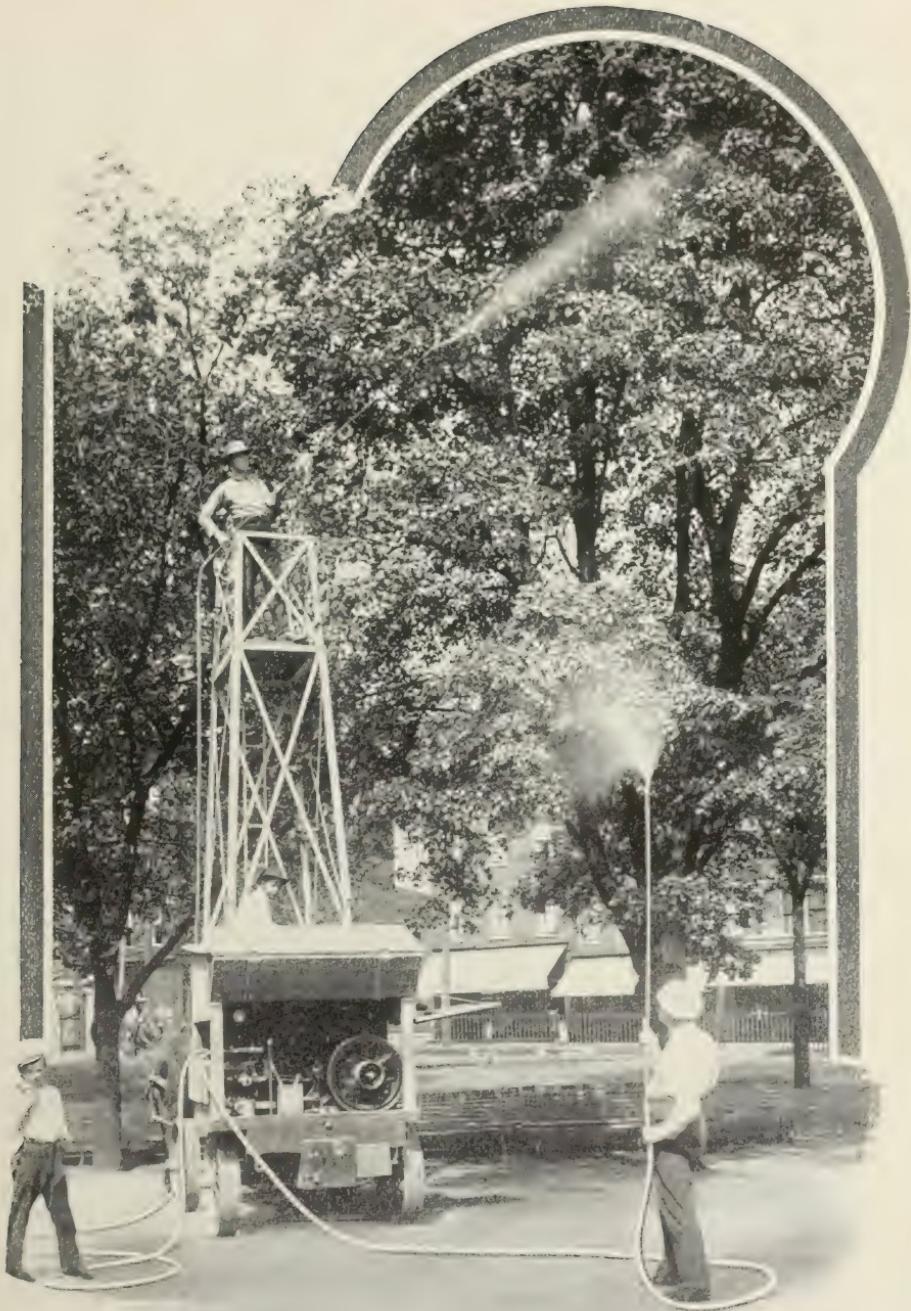
Owls' Nest Park

Besides the large amount of construction accomplished, much work was done in the way of planting, grading and draining. Some 1,855 shrubs in various varieties were planted in the borders along Madison Road and on the east and west boundary lines of the park, and in various beds or groups in different parts of the park, as exigency or design demanded. A small, temporary shelter-house for the use of the caretaker was installed, and general maintenance features well kept up.

Eight hundred and fifty square yards of stone and cinder walk were constructed, and 725 square yards of roadway resurfaced. Some of the inlets were rebuilt, and new drain pipe laid. An ornamental stone and brick seat was constructed at the entrance. A brick and concrete wall 134.8 lineal feet long and 7 feet high, with a sandstone coping, was built along the east boundary line of the property, commencing at Madison Road. The purpose of this wall was to serve not only as a fence, but also a screen to hide some of the undesirable features along that side of the property. Grading to the amount of about 800 cubic yards was done.

Nursery

Much work has been accomplished at the nursery. Not only has it undergone a thorough overhauling, but much of the useless stuff has been disposed of. The balance of the stock has been cultivated into usable material for present and future use, and much work of a permanent cultural nature has been accomplished; in fact, a nursery in reality has been practically evolved out of what was a mixed, chaotic state of things. In the fall of 1909 much seed of various native trees and shrubs was gathered and sown, and thus there are now many thousands of young plants ready for transplanting into nursery rows in the spring of 1911. The same course was adopted again in the fall of 1910, which should prove as successful as the previous one. About 18,000 hard-wood cuttings of various varieties of shrubs were made during the winter and planted in early spring, and fully 75 per cent grew, which will give, in addition to the seedlings above



METHOD OF COMBATING THE INSECT PEST

mentioned, about 13,000 young shrubs in the nursery for lining out this coming spring. Added to this stock, large importations from France of small shrubs and trees, with few exceptions, are growing well; some have already found their way into our parks, and quite a few more will do so this coming spring. In collected stock results were not so successful, as not more than 50 per cent of this stock grew. It is rather a difficult matter to obtain satisfactory collected lining-out material for growing in the nursery, unless very close personal observation is maintained when collecting, and this we are not in a position to do.

The nursery supplied during the past year, for use in our parks, 973 large forest trees, 452 trees of a dwarf nature, such as cornus Florida, red bud, etc., 232 conifers in about eight varieties, and 4,920 shrubs, valued at \$2,210, a very conservative estimate being taken. In addition to this we supplied trees to the City Waterworks to the value of \$260.

One more feature upon which we can not put an estimate is the dispatch with which we get our trees, plants and shrubs from the nursery grounds to the grounds into which they are to be permanently planted. This is not only a saving of time, work, waiting for goods, expense, etc., but assures a greater degree of success in transplanting and future quick growth.

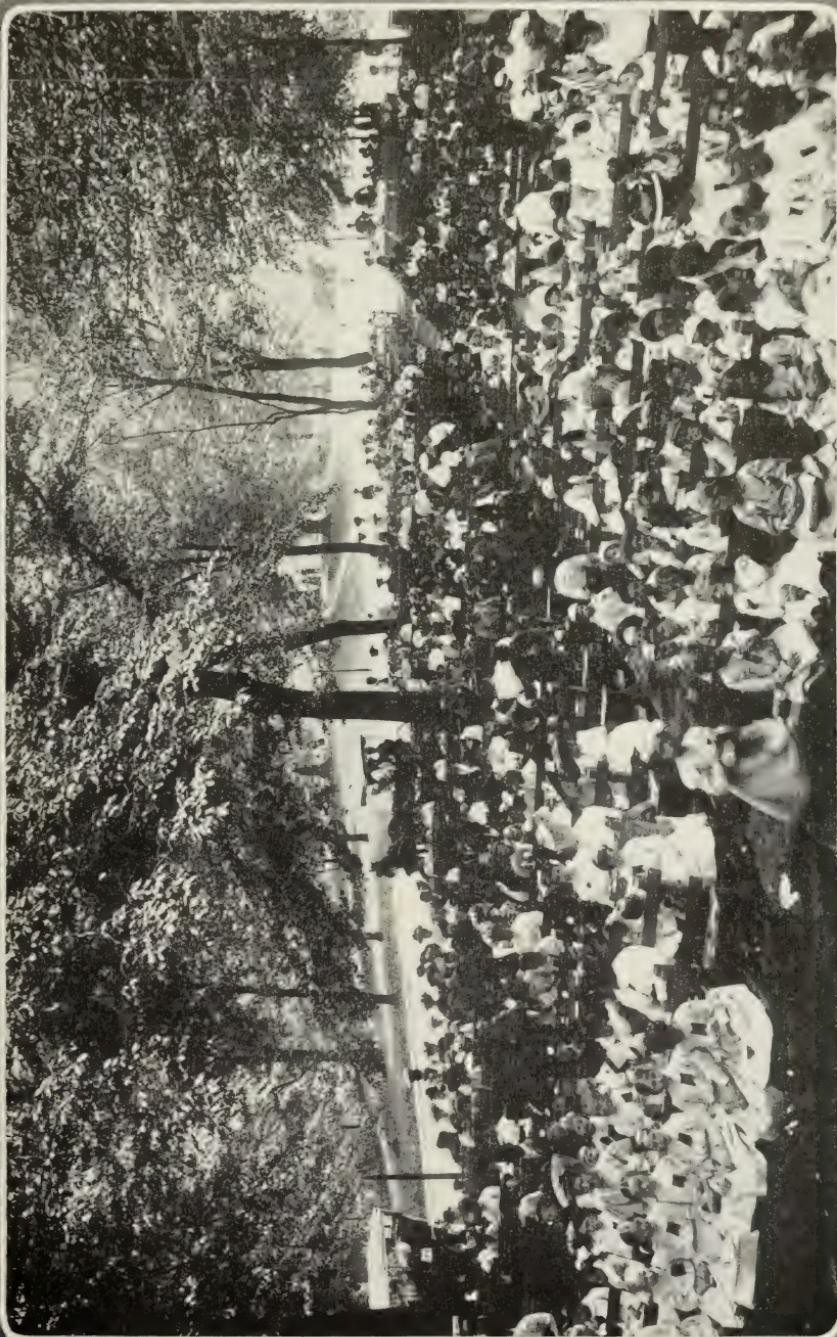
We have on hand at the nursery at the present time 6,737 trees and 7,647 shrubs in the larger sizes, all available for immediate use in our various parks.

One hundred and seventy-five two-horse loads of manure were hauled to the nursery, and twenty-eight additional loads were hauled by the nursery team to the Hubbard Tract and used as a surface dressing.

Wulsin Tract

On this tract the department has set stakes for grading and given the necessary levels to shape up this piece of ground, according to plans prepared by Mr. Kessler. The contract for this work was let by Mr. Wulsin and other gentlemen of Hyde Park, and the work was done under their direction and paid for by them. There is still considerable work to be done here of a landscape nature, path building and flower bedding.

ORPHANS' OUTING, BURNET WOODS, SPRING 1910



Warsaw and Woodlawn

Plans were prepared for the grading of this tract, with a view to establishing a playground, which will be equipped with a wading-pool and the ordinary playground paraphernalia.

McKinley Park

Aside from maintenance, the only work done here was that of setting stakes and taking levels for the rearrangement of the playground paraphernalia.

Westwood Commons

The work here consisted principally of grading and making an athletic field about 320 feet in width by about 1,200 feet in length, the amount of grading being 29,029.8 cubic yards. Water service was also installed amounting to 927.51 lineal feet of cast iron and galvanized wrought iron pipe, including meter, valves and self-closing hydrant. In connection with this work there was also laid 88 lineal feet of vitrified drain tile.

Pearl Street Playground

At this park a comfort station and caretaker's house was erected. A wading-pool 20x40 feet, with a 6-foot walk around it, was constructed, and a new sanitary drinking fountain was also installed. There were covered with cinders 1,516 square yards of playground surface. The frame shed used as a shelter-house was repaired by placing concrete foundations under the columns supporting the roof, and 719.7 lineal feet of iron fence was erected.

Hanna Playground

This valuable playground of approximately 20,000 square feet, bounded on three sides by streets, affording good light and air, was named after the public-spirited owner, Miss Mary Hanna, who gave the ground and buildings located thereon for the use of small children as a playground. Work was commenced early in 1910 and completed about August 1, from which time to the close of the session it was a very beehive of activity. To prepare same 314 cubic yards of grading was done by contract, 1,320 square feet of cement walk laid, 32.14 lineal feet of steps constructed, and a wading pool 30x45 feet and a drinking fountain installed. A comfort station and caretaker's house was erected, also playground paraphernalia and swings, while 462 lineal feet of iron fence and 311 lineal feet of concrete wall was constructed, to protect the children from running in and out from the street.

There was also built an ornamental stone and brick entrance way, the latter being paid for by Mr. Henry Dreses, president of the machine tool company adjoining on the west, which company bears his name.



PLAYGROUND SCENE

Woodward Park

A 10.70 acre tract of land in the Bloody Run valley, at the east end of Rockdale Avenue, was given to the city by Joseph H. and Alice C. Noyes, to be known as Woodward Park, in honor of that venerable and public-spirited family of Woodwards, of which Mrs. Noyes is a descendant, and William Woodward, of high school fame, was the head.

This most attractive park combines a natural forest land, a well balanced playground, two tennis courts and two ball fields. Considerable work has been laid out to bring the entire park into greater usefulness. Along that line a comfort and caretaker's house was erected at an expense of \$1,500, and 8,426.66 cubic yards of grading was done. Included in this grading is that for a roadway 30 feet in width with a 10-foot sidewalk space on the south side. This roadway runs through the park, connecting the end of Windham Avenue with Rockdale Avenue. Two hundred and seventy-five lineal feet of vitrified drain pipe were laid and four inlets constructed.

Gifts

HANNA PLAYGROUND—A valuable factory site at the southwest corner of McMicken Avenue and Dunlap Street was offered as a gift by Miss Mary Hanna for purposes of a playground. The generous character of this gift and the value of its location prompted the Board in immediate acceptance. The donor also gave \$990, the proceeds received from the sale of the factory building on the ground, and said money was used in the improvement of the ground for the purposes intended. The thickly-congested neighborhood soon proved this site as one of the most valued and largely attended playgrounds of the city.

WULSIN TRIANGLE—The triangle between Madison and Observatory Roads presenting an unsightly and unkempt appearance, the residents of the neighborhood desired the property for park purposes, to be beautified in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood. In consequence, after suit in condemnation to acquire, Mr. Lucien Wulsin, long interested in the park movement of Cin-

cinnati, presented his check to the Board of \$10,475, to pay the court's judgment to purchase this .95 acre of property. A committee, consisting of Tilden R. French, Charles Schmidt, R. K. LeBlond and others, contributed about \$1,000 for the improvement. Grading was started late in the fall in accordance with plans of Mr. Kessler. The consummation of said plan will result in one of the most attractive beauty spots of the city, and be particularly appropriate as an entrance to Hyde Park.

A gift which was especially appreciated by the children was that of Hon. Michael Mullen, who generously gave funds for the purpose of purchasing a moving picture machine, to be used at Lytle Park. That the enjoyment of this donation was not limited to the children, however, was evidenced by the large attendance of older people at all of the exhibitions.

Concerts

Were it not for the generous spirit of a few public-spirited citizens, the much appreciated band concerts would not have been possible.

The Endowment Fund of \$50,000, given by W. S. Groesbeck in 1875, and invested in municipal bonds, returns sufficient funds for twelve or thirteen concerts of thirty-five musicians each for Saturday afternoon concerts in Burnet Woods, appreciation of which is attested by the large number that attend these concerts weekly.

A like gift of \$50,000 from Margaret and J. G. Schmidlapp, in memory of Charles Schmidlapp, deceased, given in 1892, is invested and returns funds sufficient for nineteen concerts of thirty-five musicians each; the provision of this gift being Sunday afternoon concerts in Eden Park.

Mr. Julius Fleischmann, on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Charles Fleischmann, and himself, in the spring of 1909, gave \$2,760 for twenty-five concerts that were given in the down-town parks and playgrounds.

Again in 1910, with the same generous spirit, Mr. Fleischmann proposed a like gift, provided the Board of Park Commissioners would set aside from its funds sufficient for twelve concerts,

which condition was cheerfully met, resulting in thirty-seven evening concerts being given in the down-town parks.

In addition, due to community interest, six concerts were provided for by public subscription and played at Owls' Nest Park. The Hyde Park Business Men's Club also stood sponsor for a series of Saturday night concerts, which were given on the plaza at Erie Avenue and Edwards Road. Commissioner Wm. Gilbert provided the funds for a band concert on occasion of Spring Arbor Day exercises at Lincoln Park.

The value of popular concerts for the masses can not be overestimated, and it only requires a visit to any of the down-town parks on occasion of a band concert to convince the most pessimistic of their great value.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LONGENECKER,

Secretary.



WINTER SCENE IN BURNET WOODS



HOT DAY IN THE WADING POOL IN "INWOOD PARK"



INWOOD WADING POOL, SUMMER 1940

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLAYGROUNDS

CINCINNATI, O., November 16, 1910.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my report of the playground activities for the summer season of 1910, and also enclose a list of recommendations for your kind consideration.

The attendance during June, July, August, September and October was as follows:

Inwood Park.....	152,136
Sinton Park.....	93,755
Lytle Park.....	43,299
Hanna Park.....	30,429
Pearl Street Park.....	29,214
Woodward Park.....	23,130
Total attendance for season of 1910.....	371,964

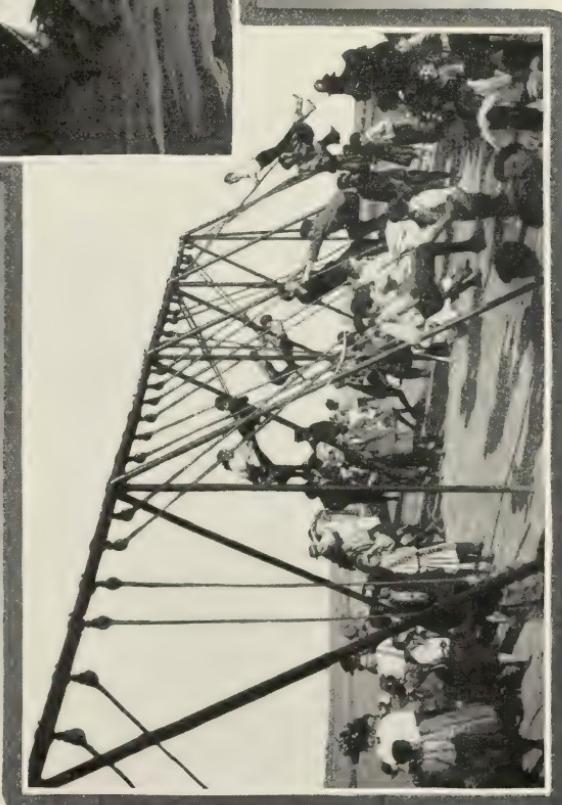
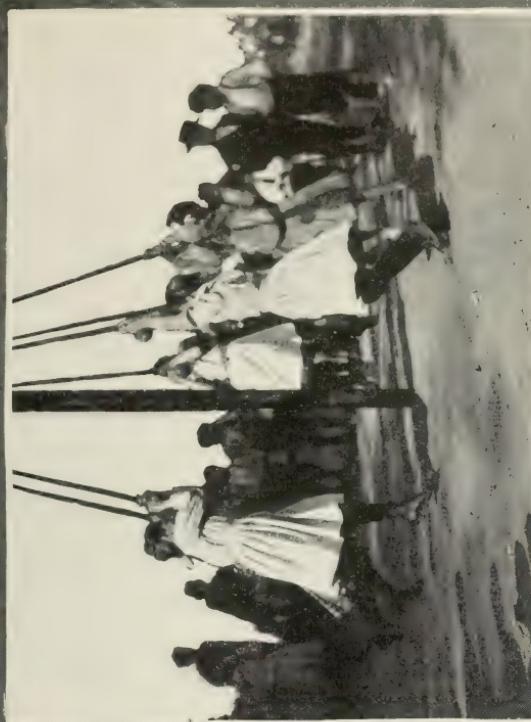
The method used in ascertaining the attendance is to count the actual number of persons present at each session, the total being taken as the attendance for the day.

The total expenditures of this department were as follows:

Salary for eleven playground directors.....	2,150 78
For playground apparatus (basket, playground and volley balls, nets, bats, etc).....	107 08
Total	\$2,257 86

The classification of a playground can best be stated as a rallying place for boys and girls—a place that affords opportunity and an outlet of all play instinct.

SCENES IN THE PLAYGROUNDS



Since the play instinct of a group of boys eight years of age is entirely different from those of a group of fourteen years of age, provision ought to be made for the following three distinct groups of playground patronage:

1. There should be a place for the exclusive use of young boys and girls up to approximately ten years of age. Equipment: Sand court, wading pool, swings, tilts, suspending parallel bars, flying rings, etc.

2. There should be a place for the exclusive use of girls more than ten years of age. Equipment: Flying rings, horizontal ladder, traveling rings, giant stride, etc.

3. There should be a place for the exclusive use of boys more than ten years of age. Equipment: Horizontal bars, parallel bars, flying rings, climbing poles, etc.

Swimming pools are essential in every playground and should be used on separate days by group two and three.

A playground should be within five minutes' walk of every child, and if we allow a playground for every twenty thousand of our city's population, we may find a standard to distribute the playgrounds in the different districts. Better three small playgrounds than one large one.

Each playground should have a playfield, also a field-house equipped with baths, dressing-rooms, assembly hall, reading-rooms, etc.

Conscious of the fact that these conditions can not materialize at once, I take the liberty to call your attention to the following improvements:

1. To resurface the playgrounds similar to the Inwood grounds.

2. To rearrange the apparatus for separate departments for boys and girls, and enclose these departments.

3. To eliminate such apparatus from the grounds which endanger the safety of the children, such as wipple ladder or tilt ladder.

4. To install such apparatus which will offer the utmost opportunity for good all-round bodily exercise, such as horizontal ladder, flying rings, etc.

5. To erect field and shelter-houses, so the work may be carried on in inclement weather.

6. To arrange a special schedule for the activities of boys and girls over fifteen years of age.

Since the employment of playground directors extends only over a period of six months, great difficulty was found to secure the service of trained teachers. To overcome this I recommended the institution of a playground course, instruction to be open for men and women over eighteen years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. SEUSS,
Director of Playgrounds.

AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

**Of Property Comprising Parks of
Cincinnati on December 31, 1910**

	Cost of Land	Acreage
OLD PARKS		
EDEN PARK.....		214.25
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865, to Jan. 1, 1869.....	633,514 81	
Land leased from Jan. 1, 1869, to Dec. 31, 1908.....	214,500 00	
Total payments on leaseholds.....	848,014 81	
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1859, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1881 and 1893 at a cost of.....	851,913 00	
Total cost of Eden Park property.....	1,699,927 81	
BURNET WOODS.....		163.50
Land leased from Oct. 18, 1872, to July 1, 1881.....	256,355 68	
Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 at a cost of.....	490,500 00	
Total cost of Burnet Woods property.....	746,855 68	
HOPKINS PARK.....		1.00
Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1866, by Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.		
LINCOLN PARK.....		10.00
Acquired through exchanges of land. Six acres were ac- quired by first exchange on Mar. 1, 1834, and four acres ac- quired by second exchange on Aug. 14, 1837. The land ac- quired thus was used as a Potter's Field (the pest-house being located thereon, also) for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK.....		5.60
Land purchased in 1858 and 1863.....	138,050 00	
GARFIELD PARK.....		1.00
This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin Piatt, to be used as a market space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1868, it was dedicated formally to park use.		
Total cost and acreage of old park property.....	\$2,584,833 49	395.35
PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM 1904 TO 1908, INCLUSIVE		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARK.....		.16
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	1,880 27	
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK.....		2.50
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	14,429 82	
Carried forward	\$16,310 09	2.66

Board of Park Commissioners

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	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	16,310 00	2.66
EAST END PARK.....		7.50
Land purchased in 1904.....	36,555 42	
AUBURN PLACE.....		.8
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1908.....	21,640 17	
MCKINLEY PLACE.....		1.21
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	50,694 39	
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS.		1.50
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907.....	72,626 56	
LUDLOW-AVENUE EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS..		2.20
Land purchased in 1906 and 1907.....	81,898 54	
LYTLE PARK.....		1.36
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1908.....	242,922 31	
OWL'S NEST PARK.....		5.8
Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, James Handasyd Perkins, and their mother, Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.....	382 83	
WILSON COMMON.....		8.395
Gift of Mehitable Copenhagen Wilson. Accepted by the city on Aug. 28, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.....	185 55	
NOYES PARK.....		10.70
Gift of Jos. C. and Alice H. Noyes for park and public playground purposes. Accepted by the city on July 27, 1908.		
HUNT-STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDS.....		12.8
Land purchased in 1905, 1906 and 1908.....	248,580 93	
HYDE PARK BURYING GROUND.....		2.866
Came into possession of the city through annexation of Hyde Park in November, 1903.		
INWOOD PARK.....		19.492
Land purchased in 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908.....	108,361 63	
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER.....		.2
(Extension to Eden Park)		
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	12,324 90	
SINTON PARK.....		2.33
Land purchased in 1907 and 1908.....	255,865 47	
HUBBARD TRACT.....		10.00
Land purchased in 1907.....	17,393 62	
LINWOOD PARK.....		.25
Acquired through annexation of Linwood.		
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired from 1904 to 1908, inclusive,.....	\$1,165,742 41	90.063
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1909		
MT. ECHO PARK.....	61,151 40	46.586
YOUNG AND RINGGOLD STREETS.....	25,498 76	1.996
Carried forward	\$86,650 16	48.582

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	86,650 16	48.582
NURSERY		23.29
Acquired by lease April 9, 1909.		
HANNA PLAYGROUND.....		1.00
Gift of Miss Mary Hanna.		
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired during the year 1909.....	\$86,650 16	72.872
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1910		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD.....	32,801 17	4.00
WELLINGTON PLACE.....		.317
Extension to Inwood Park.....	2,168 17	
WULSIN TRACT.....		.95
Madison road and Observatory avenue.....	10,859 52	
PEARL-STREET PLAYGROUND.....		.44
Acquired by transfer authorized by act of Council.		
ROCHELLE AND FALKE STREETS.....		.072
Acquired by transfer, etc.		
WARSAW AND WOODLAWN AVENUES.....		1.157
Acquired by transfer, etc.		
MAYFIELD AND CARSON STREETS.....		2.053
Acquired by transfer, etc.		
ST. CLAIR ST., JEFFERSON AVE. AND ZELTNER ST....		.50
Acquired by transfer, etc.		
HYDE PARK FOUNTAIN.....		.25
Acquired by annexation.		
WESTWOOD COMMONS.....		26.00
Leased with privilege of purchase.		
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired during the year 1910.....	\$45,828 86	35.739
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1910.	\$3,883,054 92	594.024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1908

(Park Department of the Board of Public Service)

PUBLIC PARKS AND FOUNTAINS

RECEIPTS

Tax Appropriation Allowed by Council.

Ordinary:

4 X 1.	Superintendent	2,500 00
4 X 2.	Officers and clerks.....	2,440 00
4 X 3.	Furniture and fixtures.....	59 00
4 X 4.	Stationery and office supplies.....	282 00
4 X 5.	Incidentals	5,404 00
4 X 6.	Payrolls—Laborers	37,000 00
4 X 7.	Fuel and Light.....	3,000 00
4 X 8.	Materials	10,500 00
4 X 10.	Park policemen.....	13,424 00
4 X 11.	Concerts	1,000 00

Extraordinary:

4 X 21.	Park furniture and implements.....	410 00
4 X 23.	Grading, paving and sewer ing.....	42 00
4 X 24.	Fountains	1,423 00
		<hr/> <u>\$77,494 00</u>

Received from Sales of Material, Rents, Refreshment Privileges, Soap-and-Towel Fees, etc., and Turned into the City Treasury.

Rents from house on Wilson Common.....	165 00
University of Cincinnati, for work done on University grounds by Park Department.....	150 25
Refreshment and boating privileges at Eden and Lincoln Parks and Burnet Woods.....	549 00
Towel-and-soap fees from Public Comfort Station at Espanade	174 75
Total	<hr/> <u>\$1,039 00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Ordinary:

4 X 1.	Superintendent	2,500 00
4 X 2.	Officers and clerks.....	2,419 32
4 X 3.	Furniture and fixtures.....	58 75
4 X 4.	Stationery and office supplies.....	281 07
4 X 5.	Incidentals	5,328 81
	Less refunders.....	24 50
		<hr/> 5,304 31
4 X 6.	Payrolls—Laborers	36,908 76
4 X 7.	Fuel and Light.....	2,980 67
4 X 8.	Materials	10,495 87
4 X 10.	Park policemen.....	13,424 00
4 X 11.	Park concerts.....	1,000 00

Extraordinary:

4 X 21.	Park furniture and implements.....	410 00
4 X 23.	Grading, paving and sewer ing.....	41 44
4 X 24.	Fountains	1,427 88
		<hr/> <u>77,252 07</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1908, reverting to General Fund.....	<hr/> 241 93	
		<hr/> <u>\$77,494 00</u>

COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1908

Auburn Place:

Payrolls	610 28
Sprinkling adjoining streets.....	62 00
Trees and shrubs.....	20 00
Park benches.....	20 50
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Total expenses at Auburn Place.....	\$712 78
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Burnet Woods:

Payrolls	10,427 20
Electric light, wiring, etc.....	65 14
Blacksmith and wagon repairs.....	155 45
Fuel for steam-roller and shelter-house.....	116 85
Harness and harness repairs.....	26 47
Horseshoeing and bedding.....	144 90
Feed for horses.....	597 63
Hardware, tools, etc.....	63 34
Drain tile, cement, sand and sewer-pipe.....	96 26
Plants, grass seed, etc.....	61 25
Tanbark	40 00
Rubber hose.....	10 00
Steam-roller repairs.....	14 12
Repairs to porch damaged by blasting.....	44 99
Mail-box	90
Canvas, etc., for leaves.....	8 70
Crushing stone in rented crusher.....	234 74
Crushed stone.....	416 79
Plumbing repairs.....	155 11
Paint brushes, glass cutters, etc.....	4 35
Grindstone and fittings.....	16 01
Materials used in reconstructing Hill Shelter-house—lumber, plastering, galvanized tin, paint, varnish, glass, etc.....	622 54
Sprinkling	478 80
Swing rope.....	6 60
Lumber	33 84
Oil and axle grease.....	7 95
Park benches.....	82 00
Services of teams in repairing driveways.....	303 75
Catch-basin grates.....	35 00
Insurance on stable.....	81 00
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Total expense at Burnet Woods.....	3,924 47
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	\$14,351 67

Eden Park:

Payrolls	23,247 41
Blacksmith and wagon repairs.....	55 40
Hose and couplings.....	177 75
Lumber	245 56
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Amount carried forward.....	\$478 71 23,247 41

Amount brought forward.....	478 71	23,247 41
Pipe, pipe fittings, etc.....	89 34	
Fuel	1,097 18	
Harness and harness repairs.....	90 55	
Lawn-boots	6 00	
Car service and freight charges.....	20 45	
Feed	1,243 59	
Horseshoeing and bedding.....	225 37	
Music stands	30 00	
Crushed and broken stone.....	417 67	
Flower pots, cane stakes, moss, etc.....	65 75	
Salt	31 50	
Brooms, brushes, matches, soap, sponges, etc.....	50 50	
Sand, cement, drain tile, sewer-pipe, etc.....	137 70	
Steam-roller repairs	341 93	
Horse medicine	5 00	
Walling in boilers.....	264 42	
Grates for Green House and steam fitting.....	20 50	
Electric light	98 74	
Cylinder, engine and headlight oil.....	21 97	
Insurance	71 50	
Nico-fume tobacco paper, sulphur and lime, arsenate of lead, { and quasi chips.....	143 73	
Plants, flower and grass seed, sod, etc.....	615 47	
Drinking cups	20 00	
Flags	13 40	
Glass, paint, turpentine, whiting, coal tar, etc.....	236 96	
Hauling plants, tissue paper, rubber stamps, etc.....	6 50	
Hardware, tools, etc.....	415 02	
Disinfectant	45 00	
Telephones	120 00	
Plumbing repairs	48 55	
Spraying apparatus	357 00	
Sprinkling oil	286 52	
Scrap soap	31 00	
Park benches	215 25	
Fertilizer	22 71	
Stove-pipe, etc.....	24 50	
Pump and repairs.....	29 05	
Ice	16 65	
		7,455 68
Total expense at Eden Park.....		\$30,703 09

Hopkins Park:

Payrolls	719 14	
Gas light and care of lamps.....	71 30	
Cement-walk repairs	41 44	
Sprinkling	62 00	
Repairs to padlock and hose reel.....	4 25	
	178 99	
Total expense at Hopkins Park.....		\$898 13

Lincoln Park:

Payrolls	3,173 00	
Fuel	11 70	
Gas light and care of lamps.....	822 48	
Amount carried forward.....		\$834 18 \$3,173 00

Amount brought forward.....	834 18	3,173 00
Sprinkling	385 00	
Disinfectant	22 50	
Sand	7 20	
Cleaning monuments	20 00	
Plants, trees, sod, etc.....	15 25	
Plumbing work	13 15	
Hose and couplings.....	44 00	
Hardware, tools, etc.....	3 14	
Sprinkler	4 75	
	1,349 17	
Total expense at Lincoln Park.....		\$4,522 17

Lytle Park:

Payrolls	1,747 68	
Fuel	17 50	
Electric light	196 57	
Cement, gravel and sand.....	33 77	
Lumber	15 23	
Plants, trees and shrubs.....	17 50	
Plumbing repairs	18 65	
Hardware, tools, etc.....	23 42	
Electric work	87 35	
	400 99	
Total expense at Lytle Park.....		\$2,157 67

McKinley Place:

Payrolls	1,504 00	
Plumbing work and repairs.....	116 85	
Fountain	27 31	
Sand	10 80	
Benches	51 25	
Trees, shrubs and sod.....	36 00	
	242 21	
Total expense at McKinley Place.....		\$1,746 21

Office:

Payrolls	5,035 53	
Photographs	3 00	
Cleaning walls and rugs.....	16 00	
Car tickets, engineers, etc.....	105 00	
Expenses trip to Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.....	42 80	
Printing, stationery, office supplies, etc.....	332 38	
Annual Reports for 1906 and 1907.....	989 64	
City and Florist's Directories.....	11 00	
Postage	41 00	
Telephones	49 30	
Premiums on bonds, 1906 and 1907.....	40 00	
Repairs to chair and typewriter.....	23 50	
Typewriter chair	6 00	
Clock-rental	12 00	
	1,671 62	
Total expense for Office.....		\$6,707 15

Owls'-Nest Park;

Payrolls	\$737 21
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Tyler-Davidson, Hyde Park and Other Fountains:

Payrolls	1,910 69
Repairs to hose-reel.....	3 50
Cellar-door	14 00
Curbing	5 00
Services of stonemason.....	45 99
Glass	1 49
Rent of tarpaulin.....	14 00
Services of teams.....	198 00
Paint and painting basin.....	45 46
Plumbing work	153 73
Brooms	13 50
Sewer-pipe, stone, cement, sand and gravel.....	47 32
Raising fountain	300 00
Manure	12 00
Disconnecting lamp	1 44
Sod	104 12
Inserting ferrule	10 00
Rubber boots	3 20
	972 85
Total expense for Fountains.....	\$2,883 54

Vine and Hollister Park:

Payrolls	685 00
Sprinkling	62 00
Benches	20 50
	82 50
Total expense at Vine and Hollister Park.....	\$768 19

Washington Park:

Payrolls	3,876 14
Hardware, tools, etc.....	6 02
Glass and putty.....	30
Switching charge on rock asphalt.....	10 61
Hose	20 00
Sprinkler	4 75
Limestone screenings	145 97
Rubber boots	3 20
Fuel	8 80
Cleaning monuments	100 00
Disinfectant	22 50
Repairing fountain	40 30
Rent of roller.....	12 22
Trees, shrubs and sod.....	13 50
Sprinkling	200 00
Plumbing repairs	40 40
Light	28 99
Rock asphalt	512 38
	1,169 94
Total expense at Washington Park.....	\$5,046 08

Wilson Common:

Payrolls	510 00
Park benches	20 50
Iron fence	148 80
Rent	15 10
Tools	1 83
	186 23
Total expense at Wilson Common.....	\$696 23

Expenses Incidental to Administration of Superintendent of Parks:

Horse-keep	165 22
Telephone (Superintendent's residence).....	30 00
Horseshoeing	32 50
Convention expenses	70 75
Advertisements for automobile.....	10 40
Automobile supplies, repairs, etc.....	572 52
Buggy repairs	124 95
Hire of buggy.....	108 50
Harness repairs	15 30
Freight incline tickets.....	10 00

Total expense incidental to administration of Superintendent of Parks.. \$1,140 14

General Expenses Chargeable to All Parks:

Cash paid accounts, embracing the following: Periodicals, office supplies, repairs to locks, keys and padlocks, telegrams, and pay-station telephone charges, storage and express charges, gas mantels, headlight oil, harness repairs, typewriter supplies, canton flannel, sprinkler, muriatic acid, cyanide of potassium, soap powder, repairs to tapes, gasoline and repairs for automobile, strainer, horseshoeing, lampblack, stove-pipe, etc.....	57 24
Tree labels	
Bonds for police.....	25 00
Rubber boots	34 00
Police badges and wreaths.....	36 60
Veterinary services	17 00
	137 82
Total expense chargeable to All Parks.....	\$307 66

Linwood Park:

Hose	\$21 75
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Eden Park Concerts:

Schmidlapp Eden Park Sunday Concert Fund.....	\$1,000 00
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Maintenance Public Comfort Station at Tyler-Davidson Fountain Esplanade:

Payrolls	1,522 00
Steam heat	104 48
Electric light	343 39
Soap, brushes, brooms, waste, polish, sponges, sapolio, tools, etc.	133 35
Amount carried forward.....	\$581 22 \$1,522 00

Amount brought forward.....	581 22	1,522 00
Frames, printed forms, placards, signs, etc.....	46 00	
Towels, dust cloths, etc.....	44 22	
Cupidors	24 00	
Mirrors	97 00	
Chairs, etc.....	195 00	
Oil	1 75	
Toilet paper	212 00	
Couch, cloetheshamper, rug, etc.....	51 20	
Thermometers and counters.....	12 00	
Door-mats, hose and nozzles.....	35 00	
Laundry work	27 95	
Carpenter work	3 06	
	1,330 40	
Total expense at Public Comfort Station.....		\$2,852 40
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FUND FOR "RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYED"

RECEIPTS

Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 314, to provide for the improvement of land acquired for park property, and also for improving and completing the improvement of existing parks.....	20,000 00
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 399, to provide for the improvement of land acquired for park property, and also for improving and completing the improvement of existing parks.....	10,000 00
Refunder	4 80
Total Receipts.....	<u><u>\$30,004 80</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Administrative:

Payroll of clerks, etc.....	500 18
Tags	16 50
Files for applications.....	8 10
Postal cards.....	33 15
Time books, stamps, stamp pads, typewriter paper, carbon, pens and pencils.....	46 80
	<u>104 55</u>
Total Administrative Expense.....	<u>604 73</u>

Burnet Woods:

Payrolls of "Unemployed".....	18,412 03
Dynamite, fuses, etc.....	102 80
Sharpening tools, etc.....	161 47
Coke	33 00
Telephone pay-station charges.....	8 35
Lumber	2 70
Feed	156 38
Expert service—Blasting.....	40 00
Wheelbarrows, crowbars, sledges, shovels, handles, etc.	477 43
	<u>982 13</u>
Total Expenditures at Burnet Woods.....	<u>19,394 16</u>

Eden Park:

Payrolls of "Unemployed".....	6,242 00
Sledges, handles, shovels, etc.....	67 44
Sharpening tools.....	18 85
	<u>86 29</u>
Total Expenditure at Eden Park.....	<u>6,328 29</u>

Inwood Park:

Payrolls of "Unemployed".....	685 60
Cross-cut saw.....	10 20
	<u>695 80</u>
Total Expenditure at Inwood Park.....	<u>\$27,022 98</u>
Amount carried forward.....	<u></u>

Amount brought forward.....	27,022 98
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Hubbard Tract:

Payrolls of "Unemployed".....	2,619 90
Shovels, etc.....	24 65
Car fare.....	3 30
Lumber	70 09
Fuel	3 50
Horseshoeing and wagon repairs.....	96 05
Feed	68 66
Harness Repairs.....	3 75
	270 00
Total Expenditures at Hubbard Tract.....	2,889 90

Washington Park:

Payrolls of "Unemployed".....	72 60
Total Expenditures for "Relief of Unemployed".....	29,985 48
Balance on hand December 31, 1908.....	19 32
	\$30,004 80

PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Bond issue No. 426, authorized for improvements to new and existing park property	50,000 00
Bond issue No. 676, authorized for improvement of Hubbard Tract.....	10,000 00
Bond issue No. 677, authorized for improvement of Noyes Park.....	5,000 00
Bond issue No. 678, authorized for improvement of Hunt Street Park.....	10,000 00
Total Improvement Bond Issues.....	<u>\$75,000 00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid from Bond Issue No. 426:

Inwood Park:

Payrolls	959 71
Kessler plan for improving property, etc.....	522 00
Concrete retaining wall and fence.....	1,624 00
Sand, cement, sewer-pipe, brick, etc.....	96 85
Advertising for bids.....	23 40
Engineer's stakes.....	25 00
Sewer and tap.....	65 00
Blueprints	5 00
Furnishing and laying pipe.....	147 00
Grading work.....	<u>7,536 00</u>
	11,003 96

Burnet Woods:

Services of teams repairing driveways.....	54 00
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Eden Park:

Baseball Field south of Reservoir Wall--

Payrolls;	579 89
Cement, sewer-pipe, sand, etc.....	54 32
Services of teams.....	54 00
	<u>688 21</u>

Improvement of Driveways—

Services of teams.....	378 00
Broken stone.....	260 48
Payrolls	368 00
	<u>1,006 48</u>

Cement Steps at Grand and Morris Streets—

Payrolls	108 10
Cement	60 60
Lumber and forms.....	51 00
Twisted iron rods.....	12 00
Cinders	6 00
	<u>237 70</u>

Total work at Eden Park.....	1,932 39
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East End Park:

Payrolls	398 75
Services of teams.....	130 50
Cedar posts.....	18 32
	<u>547 57</u>
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$13,537 92</u>

Amount brought forward.....	13,537 92
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Engineers, Rodmen, Engineering Supplies, Etc.:

Payrolls	1,119 26
Supplies	8 66
Repairs to tapes.....	3 80
	1,131 72

Lytle Park:**Steps and Iron Fence—**

Cement work.....	64 00
Cinders	26 25
Cement steps and copings.....	94 00
	184 25

Electric Service—

Underground mains.....	200 00
Lamps, etc.....	28 20
Wiring, etc.....	41 00
	269 20
	453 45

Hunt Street Park:

Payrolls	695 65
Services of teams.....	346 50
	1,042 15

Paid from Bond Issue No. 678:

Payrolls	9,857 15
Repairs to tools, etc.....	12 00
Wheel scrapers.....	114 00
Ice	16 85
	10,000 00
	11,042 15

Paid from Bond Issue No. 426:

Hubbard Tract:

Blueprints	75
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Paid from Bond Issue No. 678:

Payrolls	6,692 28
Cement, sewer brick, sand, etc.....	85 20
Scrapers	114 00
Plow	38 00
Repairs to tools.....	22 90
Breaking stone.....	327 84
	7,280 22
	7,280 97

Paid from Bond Issue No. 677:

Noyes Park:

Payrolls	2,656 20
Locks, hinges, etc.....	1 25
Sharpening tools.....	30
Breaking stone.....	6 66
	2,664 41

Total paid from Improvement Bond Issues..... 36,110 62

Balance on hand December 31, 1909, as follows:

Ordinance No. 426.....	33,834 01
Ordinance No. 676.....	2,719 78
Ordinance No. 677.....	2,335 59
	38,889 38
	\$75,000 00

**CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC COMFORT
STATION AT TYLER DAVIDSON
FOUNTAIN ESPLANADE**

RECEIPTS

Bond issue for purpose of constructing Public Comfort Station at Tyler Davidson Fountain Esplanade.....	25,000 00
Deducting payments made in 1907.....	4,332 82
Balance on hand December 31, 1907.....	<u><u>\$20,667 18</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Advertising	26 17
Wm. Attlesey, contractor.....	16,164 75
Heating system	1,290 00
Marble work	609 53
Electric fans, bells, etc.....	43 35
Lockers, hooks, etc.....	161 40
Hardware	231 60
Architect's fees for plans and superintendence.....	610 02
	<u><u>19,136 82</u></u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1908.....	1,530 36
	<u><u>\$20,667 18</u></u>

PARK EXTENSION FUND

The following statement includes all Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of bonds for purchase and improvement of new park property in 1904 under the Longworth Act.

RECEIPTS

Total receipts to December 31, 1907.....	1,358,027 81
Receipts for 1908:	
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 267, for purchase and improvement of Mt. Echo property.....	65,000 00
Refunder	12 65
Refunder	31 51
Damage by fire.....	30 00
	<u>74 16</u>
	<u>65,074 16</u>
Total receipts to December 31, 1908.....	<u><u>\$1,423,101 97</u></u>

The following revenue was derived, as stated, and turned into the City Treasury:

Sale of wood from Inwood Park.....	63 90
Receipts from Rent of Buildings situated on Newly-acquired Park Property:	
Ludlow Avenue Triangle houses.....	332 70
Inwood Park houses.....	24 00
Bar, Mound, Kenyon avenue and Cutter street houses.....	515 10
	<u>871 80</u>
Total receipts from sales, rents, etc.....	<u><u>\$935 70</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Expense connected with printing, advertising, etc., of bond issues.....	1,455 29
1908—Expense connected with printing, advertising etc., of bond issues.....	108 71
	<u>1,564 00</u>
Premiums and accrued interest on bonds sold, and rents and receipts from sales of houses, etc., turned over to Sinking Fund Trustees, in accordance to law.....	73,355 87
Total expense connected with Park Extension Bonds.....	74,919 00
Ordinance No. 672—Engineers, rodman, etc.....	4,894 00
Vine and Hollister property.....	14,429 82
Improvement to Vine and Hollister Park.....	6,044 50
Total, Vine and Hollister Park.....	20,474 32
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property.....	1,880 27
Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Triangle...	673 53
Total, Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Triangle.....	2,553 80
Amount carried forward.....	<u><u>\$102,842 75</u></u>

Amount brought forward.....	102,842 75
East End Park property.....	36,555 42
Improvement to East End Park.....	662 50
1908—Improvement to East End Park.....	499 00
	1,161 50
Total, East End Park.....	37,716 92
Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore property.....	12,324 90
Improvement to Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore corner.....	386 53
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Total, Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore corner.....	12,711 43
Lytle Park property.....	242,868 31
1908—Lytle Park property.....	24 00
	242,922 31
Improvement of Lytle Park.....	12,748 17
1908—Improvement of Lytle Park.....	1,976 08
	14,724 25
Total, Lytle Park property.....	257,646 56
Calhoun Street property.....	72,626 56
Improvement to Calhoun Street property.....	4,179 25
1908—Improvement to Calhoun Street property.....	130 00
	4,309 25
Total, Calhoun Street extension.....	76,935 81
McKinley Place property.....	50,694 39
Improvement to McKinley Place.....	5,066 44
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Total, McKinley Place.....	55,760 83
Auburn Place property.....	21,555 15
1908—Auburn Place property.....	85 02
	21,640 17
Improvement to Auburn Place.....	4,842 60
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Total, Auburn Place.....	26,482 77
Owls' Nest Park (taxes, recording deed, etc.).....	382 83
Improvement to Owls' Nest Park.....	178 28
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Total, Owls' Nest Park.....	561 11
Wilson Common (taxes, recording deed, etc.).....	174 55
1908—Improvement to Wilson Common.....	11 00
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Total, Wilson Common.....	185 55
Fourth, Fifth, Park and Mill Streets property (examination of title)....	390 00
Hunt Street Park property.....	247,793 13
1908—Hunt Street Park property.....	787 80
	248,580 93
Improvement to Hunt Street Park.....	9,050 56
1908—Improvement to Hunt Street Park.....	3,263 98
	12,314 54
Total, Hunt Street Park.....	260,895 47
Inwood Park property.....	108,346 28
1908—Inwood Park property.....	15 35
	108,361 63
Inwood Park improvement.....	20 00
1908—Inwood Park improvement.....	27 07
	47 07
Total, Inwood Park.....	108,408 70
Amount carried forward.....	\$940,537 90

Amount brought forward.....	949,537 90
Sinton Park property.....	520 00
1908—Sinton Park property.....	255,345 47
	<u>255,865 47</u>
1908—Improvement to Sinton Park property.....	11,639 24
	<u>—</u>
Total, Sinton Park property.....	267,504 71
Ludlow Avenue Triangle property.....	81,784 06
1908—Ludlow Avenue Triangle property.....	114 48
	<u>81,898 54</u>
1908—Ludlow Avenue Triangle improvement.....	1,142 00
	<u>—</u>
Total, Ludlow Avenue Triangle.....	83,040 54
Hubbard Tract property.....	17,393 62
Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of new parks	539 26
Miscellaneous expenses connected with improvement of new park property	390 00
	<u>—</u>
Total miscellaneous expenses for parks.....	929 26
Columbia Avenue Park property.....	2 00
Expenses of Park Commission.....	9,783 25
1908—Expenses of Park Commission.....	151 15
	<u>—</u>
Total expenses of Park Commission.....	9,934 40
1908—Mt. Echo Park property.....	1 44
	<u>—</u>
Total Expenditures for 1908.....	\$1,319,343 87
Balance on hand December 31, 1908.....	103,758 10
	<u>—</u>
	<u>\$1,423,101 97</u>

COMBINED PUBLIC COMFORT AND SHELTER STATION, EDEN PARK

RECEIPTS

Bond Issue No. 680, authorized for constructing a Combined Public Comfort and Shelter Station at Eden Park.....	<u>{</u>	\$15,000 00
Balance on hand December 31, 1908.....		<u>\$15,000 00</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1909

COST OF MAINTAINING PARKS IN 1909

RECEIPTS

Tax appropriation	83,900 00
Transfer from Fleischmann Concert Fund (balance).....	3 00
Sale of material, rents and miscellaneous income.....	2,085 17
Total Receipts for the Year 1909.....	\$85,988 17

EXPENDITURES

Administration:

Payrolls	7,369 21
Office expense	237 90
Printing and stationery.....	517 70
Insurance	134 50
Repairs	170 65
Replenishing	99 56
Incidentals	1,063 91
Premiums on bonds.....	105 55
Auto supplies and repairs.....	1,387 39
Purchase of auto.....	2,000 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,517 73
	14,604 10

Eden Park:

Payrolls	21,599 37
Police	3,088 00
Light	98 31
Fuel	1,016 26
Rent	22 83
Roadway material and maintenance.....	1,011 11
Sprinkling	346 80
Repairs to property.....	456 47
Replenishing	271 62
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	93 15
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment.....	377 70
Concerts	1,000 00
Feed	1,090 85
Care of horses, shoeing, veterinary, etc.....	187 59
Incidentals	138 40
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed.....	491 81
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers.....	69 72
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	158 33
Tools and implements.....	115 08
Horses	225 00
Wagons and equipment	265 00
Apparatus	228 43
	32,351 83
Amount carried forward.....	\$46,955 93

Amount brought forward.....	46,955 93
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Burnet Woods:

Payrolls	5,733 69
Police	2,688 00
Light	50 20
Fuel	53 05
Rent	12 14
Roadway material and maintenance.....	114 53
Sprinkling	218 46
Repairs to property	309 47
Replenishing	47 92
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	145 95
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment.....	78 90
Feed	577 17
Care of horses, shoeing, veterinary, etc.....	76 90
Incidentals	10 55
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed.....	37 50
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers.....	17 19
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	26 06
Tools and implements.....	16 65
Horses	215 00
Wagons and equipment.....	13 50
	10,443 73

Lincoln Park:

Payrolls	1,360 97
Police	1,138 00
Light	365 39
Fuel	9 00
Sprinkling	210 00
Playground expense	14 23
Repairs to property	70 38
Replenishing	85 05
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	22 50
Incidentals	10 37
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers.....	3 00
	3,288 89

Washington and Garfield Parks:

Payrolls	2,084 32
Police	1,836 00
Light	33 40
Fuel	16 99
Sprinkling	171 42
Repairs to property.....	93 20
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	50 00
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment.....	30
Incidentals	33 58
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed.....	23 00
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers.....	661 55
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	8 50
Tools and implements.....	13 87
Apparatus	31 50
	5,057 63

Amount carried forward.....	\$65,746 18
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Amount brought forward.....	65,746 18
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Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:

Payrolls	627 50
Police	718 00
Rent	6 10
Repairs to property.....	31 25
Incidentals	675 00
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	52 00
Apparatus	19 99
	2,129 84

Sinton Park:

Payrolls	1,188 83
Police	428 00
Light	89 10
Fuel	87 21
Sprinkling	148 12
Reapirs to property.....	3 82
Replenishing	84 94
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	1 89
Incidentals	62 57
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers.....	3 50
Buildings and fountains.....	36 00
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	26 15
Tools and implements.....	1 00
Wagons and equipment.....	104 25
Apparatus	35 50
	2,300 88

Hubbard Tract.

Police	26 00
Incidentals	10 00
	36 00

Inwood Park:

Sprinkling	120 00
Incidentals	20 00
Apparatus	11 59
	151 59

Mt. Echo Park:

Payrolls	145 91
Roadway material and maintenance.....	228 31
Apparatus	20 92
	395 14

Woodward Park:

Payrolls	407 70
Replenishing	3 55
Incidentals	4 95
Apparatus	19 89
	436 09

Vine and Hollister Streets Park:

Payrolls	714 00
Sprinkling	30 00
Repairs to property.....	8 00
Incidentals	8 92
Tools and implements.....	7 50
	768 42

Amount carried forward.....	\$71,964 14
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Amount brought forward.....	71,964 14
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Lytle Park:

Payrolls	1,394 37
Police	804 00
Light	392 97
Playground expense.....	128 50
Repairs to property.....	39 70
Replenishing	34 89
Incidentals	24 05
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed.....	10 00
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	66 00
	2,804 48

McKinley Place:

Payrolls	657 69
Police	832 00
Light	3 80
Sprinkling	50 00
Playground expense.....	7 60
Repairs to property.....	24 93
Incidentals	13 25
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed.....	10 00
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers.....	19 95
	1,619 22

Owls' Nest Park:

Payrolls	407 10
	407 10

Wilson Common:

Payrolls	512 00
Incidentals	10 00
Real estate.....	15 10
Tools and implements.....	90
	538 00

Auburn Place:

Payrolls	320 11
Sprinkling	30 00
	350 11

Probasco Fountain:

Services of fountain-tender.....	50 00
	50 00

Hyde Park Fountain:

Services of fountain-tender.....	62 50
	62 50

Hopkins Park:

Payrolls	354 59
Police	122 00
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	5 50
Sprinkling	30 00
Light	44 28
	556 37

East End Park:

Payrolls	423 62
Incidentals	50
Repairs to property.....	18 27
Replenishing	2 40
Apparatus	19 71
	464 50

Amount carried forward.....	\$78,906 42
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Amount brought forward.....	78,906 42
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Forestry and Nursery Department:

Forester and help.....	1,901 36
Nursery help.....	2,554 65
Repairs to property.....	25 29
Replenishing	31 92
Chemicals and fertilizers.....	237 15
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment.....	11 56
Feed	358 72
Care of horses, shoeing, veterinary, etc.....	31 46
Incidentals	75 80
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed.....	33 36
Real estate.....	320 82
Buildings	63 35
Benches, furniture and fixtures.....	51 10
Tools and implements.....	117 38
Horses	450 00
Wagons and equipment.....	115 40
Apparatus	328 67
	6,707 99

Madison Park:

Payrolls	249 57
Sprinkling	122 43
	372 00
Total Expenditures for the Year 1909.....	\$85,986 41
Balance on hand December 31, 1909.....	1 76
	\$85,988 17

PARK EXTENSION FUND

Balance remaining January 1, 1909.....\$103,758 10

EXPENDITURES

Sinton Park:

Payrolls	3,586 90
Shelter-house	24,893 80
Wall, walks and fence	2,126 93
Playground apparatus.....	1,887 66
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	32,495 29

Burnet Avenue and Reading Road:

Transferring property on tax duplicate.....	55 67
Refunding taxes.....	87 53
Sheriff's deed and recording deed.....	5 30
Taxes	9 70
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	158 20

Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:

Payrolls	3,108 33
Expert services, appraising property.....	25 00
Sewer brick and cement.....	13 25
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	3,146 58

Ludlow-avenue Triangle:

Payrolls	1,924 32
Grass seed.....	6 00
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	1,930 32

Mt. Echo Park:

Payrolls	3,605 01
Land, taxes, expert services and examination of title.....	61,151 40
Tools, broom, vise, rope, etc.....	42 45
Benches	82 50
Ladder	7 20
Two two-wheel scraper	76 00
Drain pipe.....	30 00
Paint	4 00
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Balance on hand December 31, 9109.....	64,998 56
Total	1,029 15
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	\$103,758 10

PARK IMPROVEMENT BONDS

RECEIPTS

Balances Remaining in following Bond Issues January 1, 1909:

Bond Issue No. 426, authorized for improvements to new and existing park property.....	33,834 01
Bond Issue No. 676, authorized for improvement of Hubbard Tract	2,719 78
Bond Issue No. 677, authorized for improvement of Woodward Park	2,335 59
Bond Issue No. 680, authorized for constructing a combined public comfort and shelter station at Eden Park.....	15,000 00
	<hr/> 53,889 38

Bonds Issued during 1909:

Bond Issue No. 1128, authorized for general purposes.....	35,000 00
Bond Issue No. 1341, authorized for the purchase and improvement of property at Young and Ringgold streets.....	25,500 00
Bond Issue No. 1285, authorized for the purpose of completing improvement of Inwood Park.....	35,000 00
Bond Issue No. 1348, authorized for improving and completing improvement of existing parks.....	25,000 00
	<hr/> 120,500 00
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$174,389 38
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EXPENDITURES

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 426.

Inwood Park:

Payrolls	2,114 63
Raising manholes.....	492 50
Concrete wall and fence.....	2,631 68
Grading	24,312 90
Cement and sewer brick.....	11 50
Engineers' supplies, tapes, etc.....	52 54
Blueprints	5 40
Car tickets (Engineers).....	50 00
Surveyor's stakes.....	25 00
	<hr/> 29,696 15

Lytle Park:

Iron fence.....	178 06
	<hr/> 178 06

Nursery:

Payrolls	169 71
Lumber	44 30
Tools	71 57
Trees and shrubs.....	2,000 00
	<hr/> 2,285 58
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$32,159 79

Amount brought forward.....	32,159 79
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Eden Park:

Advertising for bids for construction of shelter-house.....	6 50
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Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:

Payrolls	1,085 67
Base ball stop fittings and sheathing.....	89 00
Asphaltum paint	6 00
Repairing and sharpening tools.....	14 20

1,194 87

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 676.

Hubbard Tract:

Payrolls	2,169 78
Broken stone for roadways.....	457 70
Two two-wheel scrapers.....	76 00
Repairing tools and implements.....	16 30

2,719 78

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 677.

Woodward Park:

Payrolls	2,258 69
Broken stone for roadways.....	76 90

2,335 59

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 680.

Eden Park:

Advertising for bids for shelter-house.....	18 75
Architectural services, plans of shelter-house and comfort station..	672 28

691 03

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1128.

Administration:

Payrolls	3,578 30
Plans for lamp-post design.....	150 00
Advertising for grading and steam roller.....	16 50
Steam roller.....	2,375 00
Car tickets (Engineers).....	215 00
Hatchet	85
Engineers' stationery and supplies.....	19 98
Hand-bags for engineers.....	5 00
Surveyors' stakes.....	48 00
Engineer's flagpole.....	4 50
Blueprints	7 60
Repairing tapes.....	6 45
Drafting table.....	22 00

6,359 18

Eden Park:

Benches	41 25
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41 25

Hubbard Tract:

Payrolls	5,208 89
Sewer brick, pipe, cement and sand.....	17 90
Stone forks.....	7 88
Repairs to tools.....	28 75
Wagon repairs.....	2 00
Hauling stone for roadway.....	307 19
Settees	82 50
Axle grease.....	2 10

5,657 21

Amount carried forward.....	\$51,165 20
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Amount brought forward.....	51,165 20
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Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:

Payrolls	5,971 42
Pipe, flanges, guards and fittings for backstops.....	391 29
Sewer pipe, lime and cement.....	17 50
Repairs to tools and implements.....	44 80
Grass and timothy seed.....	87 40
Street brooms and sash cord.....	5 98
Advertising for bids for apparatus.....	3 37
	6,521 76

Inwood Park:

Payrolls	5,266 24
Drawing ferrules.....	5 00
Grass and timothy see.....	95 00
Farm tile and cement.....	51 40
Advertising for bids for apparatus.....	3 38
Pipe for apparatus.....	173 08
Rakes	8 40
	5,602 50

Mt. Echo Park:

Tools and implements.....	18 48
	18 48

Sinton Park:

Payrolls	2,873 81
Drawing ferrules.....	8 00
Lumber for bracing boiler-pit walls.....	25 81
Rolling wading pool.....	8 00
Pipe and fittings for apparatus.....	9 43
Indoor balls, etc.....	15 95
Settees	82 50
Chairs	24 00
Shovels, ladder, rakes, hose, etc.....	41 20
Tools	7 34
Solarine polish, muriatic acid and engine oil.....	5 24
Thermometers	3 75
Brushes, buckets, mops and sprinkling cans.....	36 66
Mats	4 00
	3,147 69

Woodward Park:

Payrolls	2,945 48
Playground apparatus.....	367 32
Pipe fitting for apparatus.....	210 04
Flanges and pipe cutter.....	3 75
Wire netting for backstops.....	25 59
Padlock, copper wire, staples and nails.....	11 78
Settees	82 50
Paint and brushes.....	38 90
Cement, drain tile, etc.....	111 38
Sand	12 00
Brick dust (for tennis courts).....	3 00
Repairs to scraper, plow and harrow.....	10 50
Repairing band stand and placing chairs at dedication services.....	4 00
	3,826 24

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1341.

Young and Ringgold Streets:

Purchase of land.....	25,498 76
	25,498 76
Amount carried forward.....	\$95,780 63

Amount brought forward.....	95,780 63
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PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1285.**Inwood Park:**

Payrolls	2,513 03
Brick, lime, cement and sewer pipe.....	30 07
Plumbing and fittings for fountains.....	145 32
Cement fountains.....	140 00
Catch-basin grates.....	194 71
Restoring street paving.....	12 89
Repairing and sharpening tools.....	5 80
Pick handles.....	4 50
Grass and rye seed.....	138 00
	3,184 32

PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1348.**Inwood Park:**

Payrolls	819 18
Sod	81 00
Advertising for bids for wading pool.....	7 00
Repairs to tools.....	28 70
Cement, sand, sewer pipe, brick, etc.....	287 90
Gutter gratings and inlets.....	133 00
	1,356 78

Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:

Payrolls	68 87
Pipe and fittings for apparatus.....	467 79
Pipe, apparatus and goals.....	28 11
Advertising for bids for cement work.....	4 26
Lime, cement and sewer pipe.....	38 33
Cement sidewalks.....	1,820 71
Cement fountains.....	105 00
Plumbing fittings for fountains.....	43 50
Drawing ferrules.....	7 00
Cutter wheels.....	48
Grass and rye seed.....	84 00
Examining title of Early & Daniel property.....	15 00
	2,683 05

Hubbard Tract:

Payrolls	24 50
Advertising for bids for grading.....	4 00
	28 50

Mt. Echo Park:

Payrolls	1,309 42
Screenings and stone for roadway.....	478 78
Coal (for steam roller).....	26 00
Advertising for bids for laying water mains.....	4 00
Repairs to tools.....	8 60
Sewer pipe and lime.....	9 90
Drinking fountains.....	70 00
Plumbing fittings for fountains.....	29 00
Grass and rye seed.....	41 10
Catch-basin grates.....	40 00
Stone hooks.....	1 65
Padlock, oil, etc.....	1 95
	2,020 40
Amount carried forward.....	\$105,053 68

Amount brought forward.....	105,053 68
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Woodward Park:

Castings for apparatus.....	12 98
Cement fountains.....	70 00
Plumbing fittings for fountains.....	20 00
Grass and rye seed.....	42 00
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	153 98

Rochelle and Falke Streets Triangle:

Advertising for bids for cement work.....	4 24
Cement fountains.....	35 00
Plumbing fittings for fountains.....	14 50
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	53 74

Madison Park:

Payrolls	89 50
Hinges and padlock.....	80
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Total Expenditures from Improvement Bond Issues.....	\$105,351 70

Balances on hand December 31, 1909:

Balance in Bond Issue No. 426.....	472 85
Balance in Bond Issue No. 680.....	14,308 97
Balance in Bond Issue No. 1128.....	3,825 69
Balance in Bond Issue No. 1341.....	1 24
Balance in Bond Issue No. 1285.....	31,815 68
Balance in Bond Issue No. 1348.....	18,613 25
Total Balance remaining in Improvement Bond Issues.....	<hr/> 69,037 68
	<hr/> <hr/> \$174,389 38

FUND FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYED**RECEIPTS**

Balance on hand January 1, 1909.....	<hr/> \$19 32
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EXPENDITURES**Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:**

Payrolls	19 32
Total Expenditures from Fund for Relief of Unemployed.....	<hr/> \$19 32

DONATIONS

RECEIPTS

Groesbeck Endowment Fund for Burnet Woods Concerts.....	1,988 06
Julius and Mrs. Charles Fleischmann Donation for Down-town Concerts.....	0 00
Mary Hanna Donation for Improvement of Hanna Park.....	0 00
Annie Sinton Taft Donation towards erection of Sinton Park.....	0 00
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1,738 06

EXPENDITURES

Groesbeck Endowment Fund:

Twelve concerts at Burnet Woods.....	1,872 00
Programs	34 00
	1,906 00

Fleischmann Concert Fund:

Twenty-five concerts at various down-town parks.....	2,035 00
Programs	62 00
	2,757 00

Mary Hanna Donation—Hanna Park:

Payrolls	554 55
Examining title.....	35 00
Drawing ferrule.....	6 00
Plumbing repairs.....	5 75
	601 30

Annie Sinton Taft Donation—Sinton Park:

Plans and specifications for shelter- and bath-house.....	765 72
Payments on shelter- and bath-house.....	4,648 22
Moving gas mains and installing underground service.....	168 09
Moving pipe, drawing ferrule and connecting water mains.....	48 93
Installing arc lamps.....	491 10
Bronze caps for lamp-posts.....	232 00
Cement walk.....	154 89
Sod	200 00
Cement, lime and drain tile.....	145 81
Cinders and gravel.....	62 75
Lumber for walks.....	2 00
Rolling playground.....	30 00
Wheelbarrows	18 00
Pipe for apparatus.....	68 45
Mirrors	94 00
	7,129 96

Total Expenditures from Donations..... \$12,394 26

Balances on hand December 31, 1909:

Balance in Groesbeck Endowment Fund.....	82 06
Balance in Fleischmann Concert Fund (transferred to General Maintenance)	3 00
Balance in Mary Hanna Donation.....	388 70
Balance in Annie Sinton Taft Donation.....	2,870 04

Total Balance remaining in Donations..... \$3,343 80
\$15,738 06



EXPENSE AND PROPERTY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1910

EXPENSE AND PROPERTY DIVISIONS

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI
From January 1, 1905, to December 31, 1910.

	Acreage	1905			1906			1907			1908			1909			1910			SUMMARY OF MONEY'S EXPENDED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE																							
		Maintain-	Improve-	Exten-	Maintain-	Improve-	Exten-	Maintain-	Improve-	Exten-	Maintain-	Improve-	Exten-	Maintain-	Improve-	Exten-	Maintain-	Improve-	Exten-	1905—	Maintenance	Improvement	Extension																				
Total Maintenance for 1905 (See foot note).....		50,888 68																		52,888 68	23,707 42	638,144 14																					
*Administration .....	.80		4,774 80	21,445 15	665 79	67 80		4,802 53		7,847 29		14,804 10	6,359 18		18,102 31	555 43					874,740 24																					
Auburn Place.....					601 45			712 78			85 02	850 11		513 90	40 00																												
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road.....	4.16				555 00			118 53							158 20	106 00	131 40	32,801 17		55,411 63	8,670 14	107,051 76																					
*Burnet Woods.....					11,390 97			9,409 31		14,351 67	54 00	10,443 73			11,469 61	2,359 24																											
Calhoun Street Extension.....	167.20		1,171 68	71,062 69		2,040 68	216 22		966 94	1,097 65																																	
Ludlow Avenue Extension.....					190 00			81,664 06		1,142 00	114 48		1,930 32																														
Construction Yard.....																																											
East End Park.....	7.50				140 00			12 77	662 50		1,046 57		464 50		449 12																												
*Eden Park.....	914.45				25,496 83			31,734 38		31,703 09	1,982 39		32,351 83	738 78		33,794 78	6,600 81																										
Gilbert Avenue Extension.....			386 53	174 90											6,707 09	2,285 58																											
Forestry	23.29														5,572 58	1,885 96																											
Nursery															9,764 89	501 60																											
General Greenhouses.....															601 30		685 72	3,032 05																									
Hanna Park (gift).....	1.														981 21	12 00																											
*Hopkins Park.....	1.				803 99			780 44		888 13		556 37																															
Hubbard Tract.....	10.				30 00					17,363 62		7,280 97		36 00	8,405 49		2 97	4,776 44																									
Hunt Street Park.....	12.80		5,697 92	247,725 80		1,556 89	67 33		1,795 75		14,306 13	787 80	2,129 84	18,521 26	25 00	2,918 10	8,848 39																										
Hyde Park Fountain.....	.25														62 50		50 00																										
Iewood Park.....	19.80				210 00			104,988 59	10 00	8,207 89		11,081 03	15 35	151 59	39,889 75		3,514 17	30,392 18																									
Wellington Place.....																								2,168 17																			
*Lincoln Park.....	10.				3,664 57			4,213 34		4,522 17			3,288 89		4,896 68	782 12																											
Linwood Park (annexation).....	.25									21 75																																	
Lytle Park.....	1.86		1,752 39	242,768 31		1,320 42		733 22	9,675 86		2,157 67	2,429 58	24 00	2,894 48	178 06	3,270 46	198 16																										
Madison Park (annexation).....	2.866														372 00	90 80		154 60	95 19																								
McKinley Park.....	1.21		5,052 44	50,574 39	1,493 14	14 00		1,406 39		1,746 21		180 00	1,619 22		1,44	395 14	5,886 04	61,161 40	1,750 42	1,884 65																							
Mt. Echo Park.....	46.586														407 10		936 57	2,357 91																									
Owl's Nest Park (gift).....	5.80				550 83	829 12	10 28		600 00		737 21					50 00		25 00																									
Pearl Street Playground.....	.44																																										
Probasco Fountain.....																																											
Rochelle and Falke Streets (gift).....	.073																53 74		31 89	670 26																							
Sinton Park.....	2.33				520 00							11,689 24	255,345 47	2,300 88	42,772 94		9,159 74	2,376 83																									
*Tyler-Davidson Fountain.....								1,433 84		1,490 40		2,883 54		4,832 82	2,852 40	19,126 82																											
Tyler-Davidson Fountain Comfort Station.....	2.50				3,875 90	10 00	666 46	12 25		600 57		768 19			768 42			875 41	102 05	60 00																							
Vine and Hollister Park.....								4,181 13		4,361 90		5,148 08		5,677 66			7,117 86	470 20																									
*Washington Park.....	5.50																																										
*Garfield Park.....	1.																																										
Westwood Commons.....	26.																																										
Wilson Commons (gift).....	8.395				174 55	132 35			226 79		696 23	11 00		538 00			199 10																										
Woodward Park (gift).....	10.70											2,864 41		436 09	6,315 81		1,671 41	5,010 89																									
Wulsin Tract.....	.05																																										
Young and Ringgold Streets.....	1.996																																										
Unemployed																	29,985 48		19 32																								
Fourth, Fifth, Park and Mill Streets (never acquired).....																																											
Bond Issue Expenses.....			4,128 19	936 14														108 71																									
Miscellaneous Expenses (all parks).....			6,872 57	536 11	389 29	3,092 87	5 15			1,437 12		1,439 38			151 15																												
Park Commission.....										1,834 47		7,948 78																															
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NOTE—Cost of maintenance for 1905 was not kept separately, but was for divisions marked with a star (*), which comprised the total park possessions at the beginning of that year.

1905—
Maintenance 52,888 68
Improvement 23,707 42
Extension 638,144 14

1906—
Maintenance 55,411 63
Improvement 14,656 20
Extension 107,051 76

1907—
Maintenance 61,307 58
Improvement 14,656 20
Extension 115,614 62

1908—
Maintenance 68,944 41
Improvement 14,656 20
Extension 275,900 24

1909—
Maintenance 85,986 41
Improvement 14,656 20
Extension 86,833 86

1910—
Maintenance 122,486 25
Improvement 14,656 20
Extension 45,903 86

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TAXATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

1905 52,432 85
1906 54,838 34
1907 61,307 58
1908 56,944 61
1909 86,834 86
1910 138,306 88

BONDS ISSUED 1905 TO 1910, INCLUSIVE, FOR EXTENSION OR PURCHASE OF LAND

1905 638,144 14
1906 107,051 76
1907 115,614 62
1908 275,900 24
1909 86,834 86
1910 35,000 00

\$1,278,544 12

BONDS ISSUED 1905 TO 1910, INCLUSIVE, FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LAND

1905 49,507 42
1906 8,670 14
1907 14,656 20
1908 72,322 89
1909 120,362 01
1910 25,000 00

\$285,288 66

DONATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS—

1908—Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft 10,000 00
Miss Mary Hanna 990 00
1910—Henry L. Drees 275 00
Michael Mullen 150 00

\$11,415 00

DONATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (From L. Wulsin)

1910 \$10,475 00

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Report
Board of
Park
Commissioners

CINCINNATI, OHIO

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R E P O R T

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Board of Park Commissioners

OF THE

CITY OF CINCINNATI

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1911

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

As Organized December 10, 1908.

L. A. AULT, President.....Appointed for 3 years. Term expires 1911
W.M. GILBERT, Vice-President. Appointed for 2 years. Term expires 1910
JULIUS FLEISCHMANN.....Appointed for 1 year. Term expires 1909

As Organized December 10, 1909.

L. A. AULT, President.....Term expires 1911
W.M. GILBERT, Vice-President.....Term expires 1910
*JULIUS FLEISCHMANN.....Reappointed for 3 years. Term expires 1912
GEORGE PUCHTA.....Appointed June 23 to fill unexpired term of 3 years

As Organized December 10, 1910.

L. A. AULT, Pres.. .Reappointed Dec. 10, 1911 for 3 yrs. Term expires 1914
WM. GILBERT, V-Pres.. Reap'tnted Dec. 10, 1910 for 3 yrs. Term expires 1913
GEORGE PUCHTA.....Unexpired term expires Dec. 10, 1912

Employees.

M. C. LONGENECKER.....Secretary and Executive Officer
GEORGE E. KESSLER.....Landscape Architect
C. H. MEEDS.....Chief Engineer
HERBERT GREENSMITH.....Superintendent of Maintenance

*Resigned June 23, 1910.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit a report for the year 1911, which will deal with the acquisition of park and playground properties more than a detailed report of the improvement and maintenance work that is carried on year after year in the older properties.

For the first time since its appointment the Board had funds at its disposal to proceed in accordance with the plan for a park system that had been adopted and accepted by the City Council in 1907, the commission of carrying out said plan having been entrusted to your Board.

With the receipt of the one million dollars as voted by the people for park purposes, a program of procedure was early adopted that provided for—

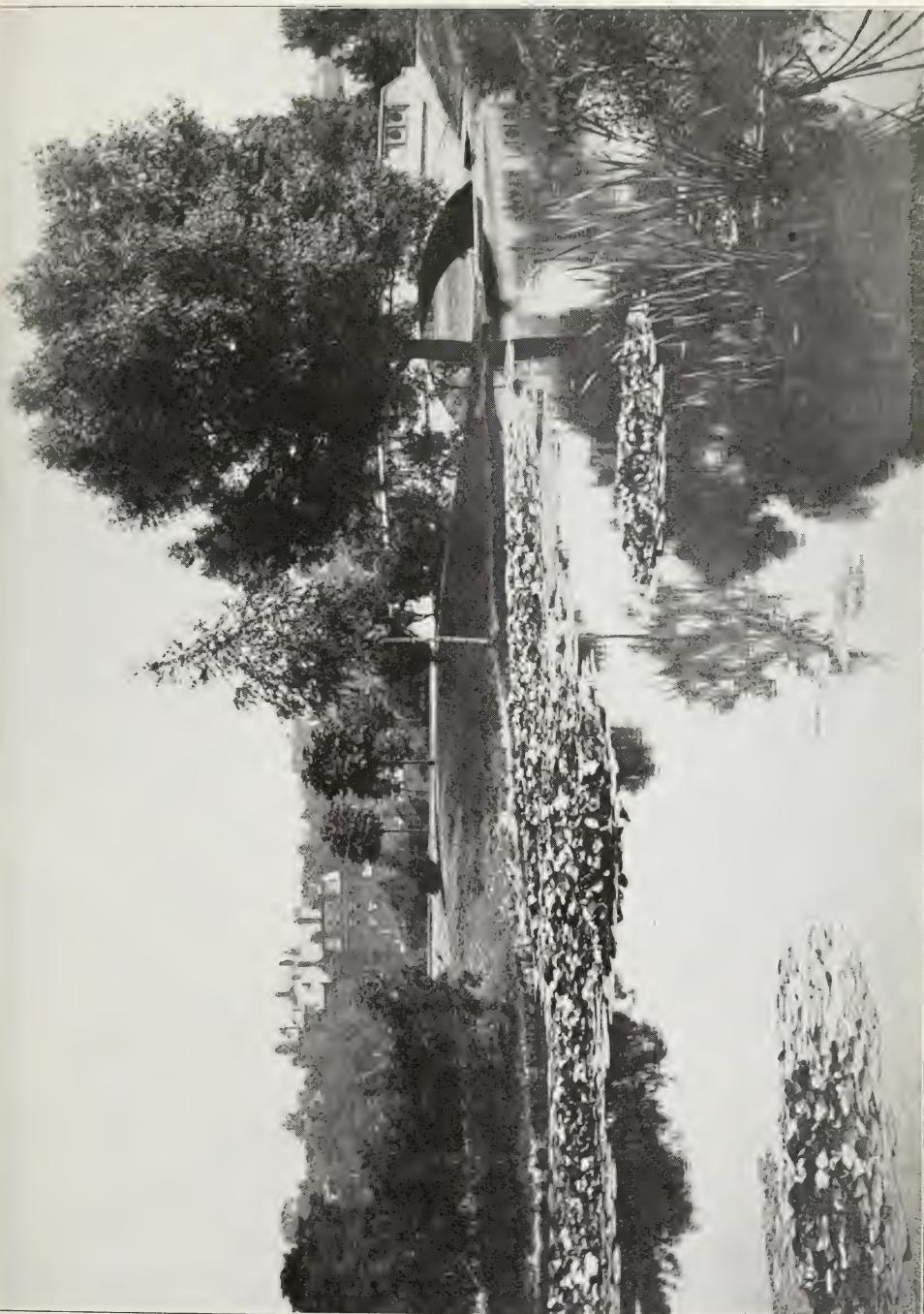
1. The purchase of large acreage tracts for general park purposes, objective sites, so located to serve best a distinct locality or portion of the city.
2. The acquisition of properties for parkways, to associate and connect the larger acreage tracts, that would serve and direct travel to the large park properties.
3. The selection of playground sites in the congested portions of the city.
4. The improvement of the existing park properties, all tending to a more inviting and practical use for the public at large.

The policy of this course needs but little explanation; but it can be said that Cincinnati has been endowed by nature with certain natural park properties, from which are to be had magnificent views of the surrounding country. To protect these unimproved properties to the city it became the manifest duty of the Board to acquire them at the earliest time, more especially at the then existing values, which have since been much

increased, owing to a revision of the taxing laws. The immediate demand, use or improvement of these larger park tracts could hardly be considered. Justification of the purchase of these large tracts on an acreage basis, and so distributed to the different sections of the city will, when associated by the parkways, be objective sites to be gone to, and should, with the tying together, be the means of determining the direction of the city's development in the next decade, and should eventually be without cost to the city with the consequent and positive increase in property values.

The *parkways*, of equal importance, extending to and from the larger park tracts, establishing lines of park property within easy and immediate access of the people, permit of fine residential properties all over the city, and do not localize any one particular section. Parkway improvements elsewhere have done much to advertise and make those cities more attractive. The general character of reaching out in all directions has resulted in drawing people to those cities to visit and also to established residence.

The *playground* as designed today, equipped with apparatus, sand-courts and wading-pools, is a movement to provide play and recreation centers in congested localities, and is a movement of recent years' growth. As an adjunct to the park system, it has developed a most popular demand. The scope of this unquestioned good work has a wide range, from the use of a small vacant lot in some cities, to a 15-acre city block in Chicago that approximates in cost a million dollars. It has been demonstrated that a playground will attract children within a radius of one-half mile, and it has been equally well established that the wading and swimming-pool will draw its patronage from four to five miles; therefore, in the selection of playground sites, the character of the improvement to be made had to be considered. It was the opinion of the Board that a number of small playgrounds distributed over the city were better than one or two sites of larger area and more expensive in land cost. In accordance, and as a policy for purchase, a minimum size of twenty thousand square feet was adopted as the least area for playground purposes. Having developed in 1909 six playgrounds in the downtown districts, the Board this year has pur-



WATER GARDENS AT EAST OR PARK AVENUE ENTRANCE TO EDEN PARK

chased six additional playground sites. It has had one vacant property owned by the city transferred to its control; it is contemplated to rearrange three of the older parks for playground use, and one valuable site was most generously given for playground purposes by Mrs. Matilda H. Perin. All of these sites should be improved and completely equipped as playgrounds for the summer of 1912, which will give to Cincinnati a total of eighteen playgrounds (under the direction of your Board of Park Commissioners) that will excel most and compare with the best playgrounds in other cities of the country.

Three large athletic fields were acquired—two by purchase and one through donation—which offer, in addition to those already established, at least twenty-three ball diamonds for the season of 1912.

In all, ninety-two distinct lots, tracts or sites were acquired and deeded to the city for park purposes in the year of 1911. Consideration was given a considerable number of offerings in addition to those acquired. Values were scheduled and the properties viewed. Also condemnation proceedings were commenced on ten properties, possession being assured and only subject to pending court proceedings. No property has been listed, area stated nor included in the park system except such property as has been deeded and transferred to the city. A summarized list of the properties so acquired during the year being as follows:

DONATIONS.

	Acreage
Ault Park (Linwood Heights) (given by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault)	150.
Property in Bloody Run Valley (given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg)	2.10
Athletic Field in Camp Washington (given by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taft).....	9.85
Seven lots in Crawfish Bottoms (Turkey Ridge District) (given by Mr. Wm. Worthington).....	.47
Playground site at Hulbert and Freeman avenues (given by Mrs. Matilda H. Perin).....	.596
Triangle at Rose Hill avenue and Reading road (given by Mr. Albert Mitchell).....	.20
A tract in Sayler Park (given by Mr. Milton Sayler).....	2.85

PROPERTIES PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR 1911.

	Cost	Acreage
Burnet Woods (addition to).....	11,517 62	1.75
Bishop and Jefferson.....	3,515 00	.14
Blachly Farm	82,924 96	114.
Burnet avenue and Reading road (addition to).....	27,701 33	3.
Camp Washington Tract (addition to).....	4,148 16	3.52
Deer Creek Common (addition to).....	5,269 30	.23
Evanston Athletic Field.....	18,018 58	5.25
Kirby Tract	34,256 50	168.15
Lick Run Athletic Grounds.....	14,811 00	4.25
Mohawk Playground	17,098 10	.521
Mt. Storm Park.....	117,308 40	66.85
McFarlan Woods and Eckert Tract.....	13,265 96	121.45
McMicken and Walnut Playground.....	45,050 39	.65
Parker's Woods	46,940 50	31.50
Sycamore Street Playground.....	64,734 26	.45
Third and Collard streets (transferred by act of Council)		1.50
Vine and Hollister Park (addition to).....	1,554 20	.287
Westwood Common.....	16,000 00	21.27
Woodward Park (addition to).....	3,015 00	.569
Walnut Hills Playground.....	10,088 50	1.083
Western and McLean Playground.....	3,973 12	.127
Wulsin Tract (addition to).....	3,549 71	.126
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	\$544,740 59	

PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH ANNEXATION DURING
THE YEAR 1911.

Sayler Park	3.15
College Hill Town Hall lot.....	4.75
Westwood Town Hall lot.....	.75
Total Acreage.....	721.389

The spirit with which the Board has worked and the vast amount of property acquired found approval in the appreciation that a park system had been launched or started which opened at once the latent disposition of some of Cincinnati's philanthropic citizens to give to the city valuable property for park or playground purpose.

A noble example was set by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault in so magnanimously giving property in the eastern end of the city, approximately 143 acres in extent, one of the natural jewels in

Cincinnati's crown, comprising rolling fields, deeply wooded vales and hillsides, abundant in virgin forest, swiftly running creek following through the valley, paralleled by a cool forest-protected roadway, and finally the crowning summit of Linwood Heights, the panorama from which, on a clear day, is magnificent, rivaling as it does the famous view from Lookout Mountain overlooking the Tennessee Valley.

With so commendable an act as precedent, other generous citizens came forward.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft donated a tract of approximately nine acres in Camp Washington, in the very center of a most thickly settled community. The value to the community can be best judged when it is understood that it will accommodate at least four ball diamonds, a number of tennis courts, and a small children's playground. The slopes and terrace surrounding, when parked, will form a natural amphitheatre surmounting the playfields.

The same generous spirit to do good for your fellow men undoubtedly prompted Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg in giving valuable property in the Bloody Run Valley, which will most materially assist the parkway scheme through this valley and prove to be one of the very best of the many schemes the Board will undertake.

Mrs. Matilda H. Perin gave a most valuable lot for playground purposes in the thickly settled west end of the city—a boon to the neighborhood.

Mr. Milton Sayler came forth with a 2.85-acre tract in Sayler Park, which, conjunctive with adjoining ground, will afford a park of over one-third of a mile along the Ohio River.

Seven lots in Crawfish Bottoms were received through the generosity of Wm. Worthington.

Mr. Albert Mitchell gave an attractive triangle of ground at Rose Hill avenue, Reading road and Mitchell avenue.

The Board has always advocated concerts, and in each succeeding year request has been made for money to carry out this purpose. But, due to economical reasons forced upon the city, this much desired purpose has of necessity been curtailed. Were it not for the generosity of our public-spirited citizens the much-appreciated band concerts would not have been possible.



NORTH FROM DRIVE AROUND MT. ADAMS, ACROSS AMPHITHEATRE, EDEN PARK

The proceeds from the \$50,000 endowment fund as provided by W. S. Groesbeck in 1875 were sufficient for thirteen concerts in Burnet Woods on Saturday afternoons throughout the summer season.

A like sum endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Schmidlapp returned sufficient income to provide for nineteen Sunday afternoon concerts in Eden Park.

The ever-generous spirit of Mr. Julius Fleischmann and his mother, Mrs. Charles Fleischmann, again provided the sum of \$2,616 for twenty-four concerts to be given throughout the week at the downtown parks. The very many people that attend these concerts attest the deep appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Fleischmann's munificence.

Due to the public spirit of the people of Hyde Park, concerts were given each Saturday night in the small park in the public square at Erie avenue and Edwards road.

The value of public concerts, especially in the downtown congested districts, cannot be questioned, and it only requires a visit to any park on concert night to assure one of the fact, and this should recommend the providing of public funds for concert purposes.

The statistical tables in the rear of the report will give a more thorough understanding of the extension, improvement and maintenance charges and expenditures, and the size, area and date of acquisition of the park properties, all denoting the continued growth and expansion of what is developing into a park system.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LONGENECKER,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—The work of the superintendent during the year was almost entirely one of maintenance. Little new work was attempted. The increasing duties of the ever-extending system have become so numerous, so varied and wide-spread, that even this work is already too large for one man to efficiently handle.

Auburn Place

This park proved to be very attractive to the number of patrons who found much restfulness in the beauty of the park and the excellent manner in which it was maintained.

The usual attractive bedding was well-cared for. Fifteen hundred cannas, geraniums, musa's coleus, etc., were used in its beautification in summer, whilst three thousand tulip bulbs were planted for its spring adornment.

Burnet Woods

Work in this park was successfully prosecuted along lines adopted a year ago, with increasingly good results. Seven hundred and fifty cannas and geraniums were planted in five beds in the spring, and about two thousand tulips in the fall. Forty Norway maples, twelve elms and thirty yucca filamentosa were planted; many minor plots of grading was done, and the newly-graded area at Calhoun street and Clifton avenue seeded with good results.

Two sets of swing frames, twelve swings in all, and eight teeter boards of modern manufacture were much used, and were the means of drawing people to this park for family picnics.

Work of reshaping and enlarging the lake was commenced in the late fall, but owing to the demand for skating the lake was refilled and the work postponed until after the ice had gone.

The construction of a new bandstand of concrete, providing a comfort station in the base of the structure, fulfilled a much-needed improvement.

Deer Creek Common

(Formerly Hunt Street Playground)

These grounds, so popular for base and football, were much improved, being surfaced with from four to 5 inches of loamy clay, requiring 925 loads, or approximately 1,475 yards, from which it is hoped a good stand of grass can be raised. This was uniformly leveled off, and in the fall grass seed was sown and then treated with 125 two-horse loads of well-rotted manure. The seed came up beautifully, but the incessant use to which these grounds are put makes it difficult to grow good sod.

Forty-three sycamore trees were planted along Reading road and protected with tree-boxes. Across the railroad good soil was placed along the fence in Johnston Park, and 1,500 California privet set out as a hedge.

There were 464 permits issued for scheduled games of ball. These figures do not include games played for which permits were not asked.

Dempsey Park

(Formerly Hubbard Park)

The work at this place was continued in early spring. Eighty-seven good sized trees in 14 varieties were planted, and 56 shrubs in 4 varieties. The park was fairly well kept. The ballgrounds received particular attention, 45 scheduled games of ball being played by organized teams. In the interim the diamond was occupied continuously.



MUSIC PAVILION IN BURNET Woods, ERECTED IN 1911.

Eden Park

The work in Eden Park was greatly facilitated and much benefit derived by a division of the park into two sections, each under a sub-foreman, who vied with each other in the general upkeep of their charge, the result of which was quite apparent to all.

Seventy conifers, 675 mahonias, 60 yuccas *filamentosa*, 81 shrubs, and 250 trees in 7 varieties were planted, besides the usual summer bedding features, for which 16,800 plants were used.

Substantial improvements were made before the greenhouses were painted; new flues were built for both steam boilers, and additional repairs and improvements were made by constructing a cement and iron cold frame 12 feet wide by 50 feet long. Rustic stone and cement benches were placed in the southern end of the large show house, which has been much admired.

A retaining wall 110 feet long by 20 feet wide, and approximately 3 feet 6 inches high, was built at the southwestern corner of the reservoir. A path 6 feet wide and 720 feet long was excavated by cutting into the hillside, the path macadamized, drained and covered with cinders, and leads along the slopes of the wooded hillside between reservoir and the roadway to Mt. Adams from the Gilbert avenue entrance. Work was commenced on the easterly connection of this pathway leading towards Martin street or the Waterworks cottage, and will be completed this coming summer.

A pathway and stone steps from the main driveway (Park avenue) just below the greenhouses were constructed down the hillside in a winding manner to the southside of the Waterworks Pumping Station. The whole hillside in this vicinity was cut back and regraded, and over one hundred shrubs planted, which completed a very attractive and desirable improvement. Much grading and quarrying of stone was also done on the Cliff drive.

The pathway from Morris street, leading southward towards the Art Museum, was cut back and made two feet wider, macadamized, resurfaced, and the slopes graded to meet new conditions.

NORTH FAÇADE AND TERRACE, ART MUSEUM, EDEN PARK



The large lake in the upper portion of the park, which had been devoid of water for several years on account of its leaky condition, was finally made watertight by digging out the porous stone bottom and replacing, to a depth of two feet, with approximately one thousand yards of good brick clay, well packed and puddled. The coping at the overflow was reset, and the whole lake put in presentable condition. In addition to the general embellishment to the park, the lake afforded splendid skating throughout the winter season.

The ballgrounds near the reservoir walls were graded and a new backstop and hood erected.

The musicstand and its surroundings were put in good order and maintained during the summer months. Eighteen concerts were given, and were well attended. The increasing number of vehicles, the congestion of travel on the main road, and the increasing noise, all tend to recommend a change of location of the bandstand.

Hanna Playground

A large covered canopy baby swing frame was erected and equipped with six swings and six hammocks. These proved very beneficial and popular.

Sixteen sycamore trees were planted and tree-boxes made by the department were placed, and two small groups of shrubbery planted at each side of the entrance, giving the place a brighter and more cheery aspect.

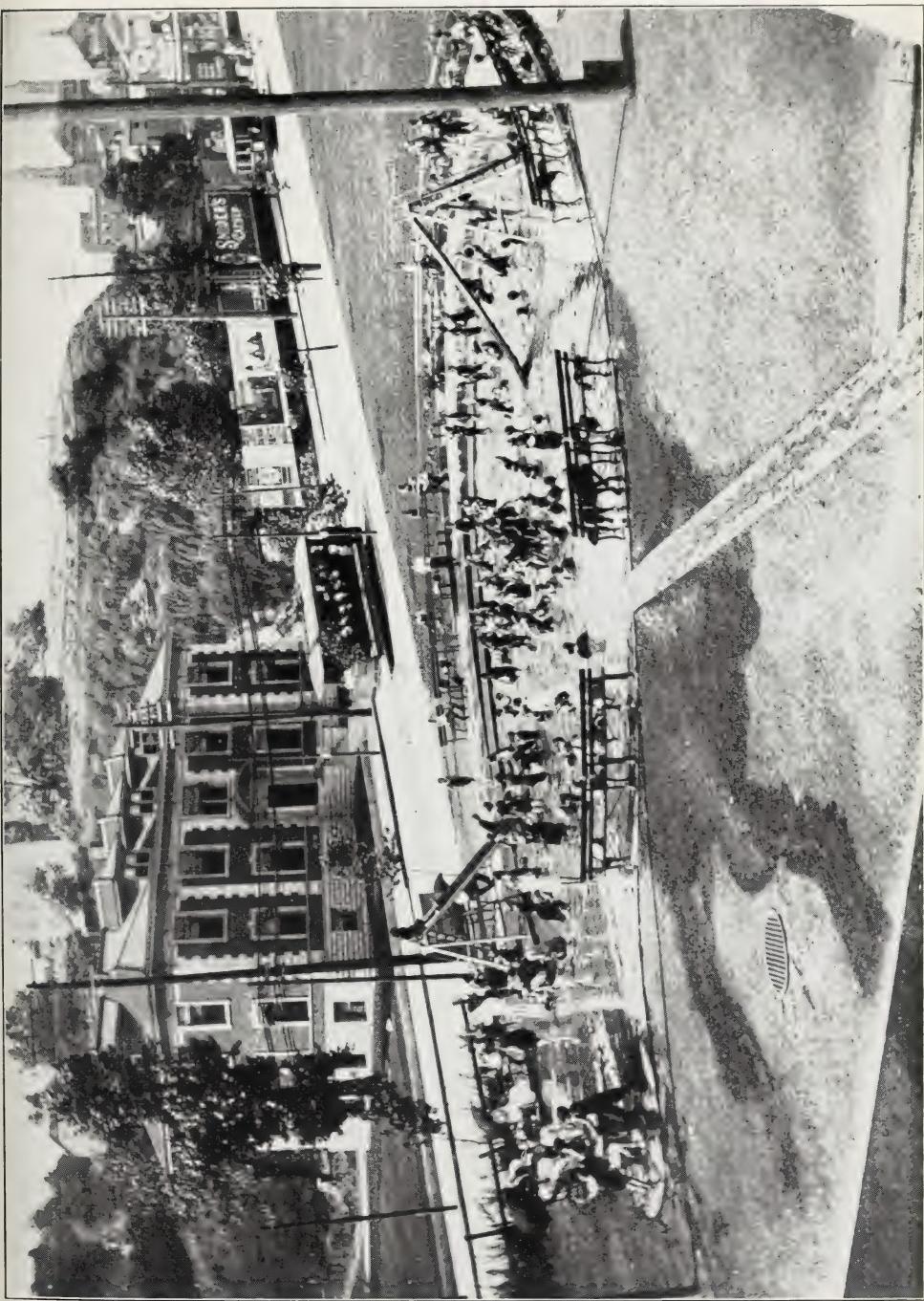
Inwood Park

Owing to the difficulties in getting grass seed started in the shallow rocky soil in this park, much regrading and resurfacing with both soil and manure has been done. Much of the manure has been donated, while over 100 loads have been bought and nearly 150 two-horse loads of soil placed, besides taking advantage of a near neighbor at odd times in securing good top soil.

Grading in the upper northwest corner was continued, and 250 English field maples were planted.

The lake was stocked with gold fish from Washington Park and Burnet Woods.

THE WADING POOL, INWOOD PARK



Excellent skating was enjoyed by great numbers, especially in the evening, when the scene was enlivened by large log fires around the lake.

A large galvanized flag pole, fifty feet high, was placed on the playgrounds. The playground was largely patronized and well kept, considering the erection of the new shelter house.

The ballgrounds in the upper portion of this park, which were fenced in to keep balls from rolling over and down the hill, surround these elevated grounds. The surface was well kept, and 115 scheduled games of ball played.

Lincoln Park

Maintenance in this park did not show up to its usual standard, being in a thickly manufacturing settlement. It is one of those difficult problems which requires skill to successfully handle.

A hedge of privet along Hopkins street, containing 2,275 privet, was planted, 13 trees replaced and 50 shrubs planted. Twenty-six hundred summer bedding plants were put out in the various flower beds in the spring, and these were followed up in the fall by planting 6,800 tulip bulbs.

Twelve swings and two teeterboards were placed on the playgrounds, and were very much in evidence until very late in fall, whilst the smaller folks in this park, as well as in all other parks, were catered to by sand boxes.

Skating was enjoyed by an exceedingly large number through the long continued cold winter. Large log fires were maintained at all of the parks where skating was permitted, from which the skaters found much comfort.

Lytle Park

Five hundred yards of sod was layed. Along the pavement and where the corners were tramped out a low pipe railing was set up as a protection.

A very fine and attractive canna display was made, and the rear portion, which had been used as a children's playground,



INWOOD PARK, WADING POOL.

was parked and made one of the most charming features in our park system. Three beds were planted in the fall with about 1,800 tulips.

The playground was well kept during the summer months. The apparatus was concentrated, permitting of larger open area for field games and other sports.

The camera or moving picture frame, which is quite an open air feature in this park, was shifted to the opposite corner of the playground, thus giving a better opportunity to better display the pictures to the large number of people that patronize these shows every Sunday night during the summer.

A large canvas-covered baby swing frame was erected, which proved a boon to the little mothers during the hot weather.

Mt. Echo Park

This park was well maintained. Two tennis courts were constructed and maintained in good order, which was attested by their continued use. The popular demands would warrant the building of two or more at once. The ballground was in constant demand. Thirty-six permits were issued for scheduled games. In the rearrangement of this park space should be allotted for additional ballgrounds.

One hundred and fourteen trees were planted, and approximately one thousand small shrubs were collected, placed in nursery rows, and are being developed for general use.

Pearl Street Playground

The surface of these grounds was regraded, sanded and oiled. A new sand-box and basketball goals were added. Twelve sycamore trees were planted and protected by tree-boxes, all of which tend to make the place more useful, beautiful and attractive.

Sinton Park

The beauty of this crowded downtown park and playground was greatly enhanced by the filling with soil of two large concrete sand-boxes, 66 feet long by 13 feet wide, and planting

with cannas. The other features of the park were kept up in only a very ordinary manner. Nineteen shrubs and 3 trees were replaced, besides 1,500 bedding plants and 1,000 tulips being planted.

The popularity of the playground was attested by a much-increased attendance over the previous year, while the baths were patronized to an increasing degree. Account was recorded for such baths that charge was made for towels and soap at the rate of two cents per bath, there being no record of the bathers who furnished their own soap and towels. The number of baths charged for was as follows:

Men	18,192
Women	900
Total	19,092

Vine and Hollister Park

Too much praise can not be given to the maintenance, general character and beauty of this small triangle. From early spring to late fall this place was very attractive and in bright condition. The center of the park having settled, the fountain, paths and ground around were raised about eighteen inches, and six catch-basins and drain lines laid, which protected the resurfaced walks from washing and improved the whole general condition of the park. Twenty-six hundred summer bedding plants were used, and 4,300 tulips were planted in the fall.

Wulsin Park

The work in this park was taken over by the department, and the unfinished rough grading work put into shape. Large flower beds were laid out and planted in the sunken or central part, containing 5,600 geraniums, cannas, coleus and alternantheras, and a large bed of palms. A water main was laid through the central portion, and about sixty trees planted. The work will be continued and completed as soon as possible. A new sidewalk was laid on Observatory avenue, formal seats

and benches of concrete and stone, with central and side paths, were built, and a cluster lamp-post with concrete base erected, which gave a finish to this attractive park.

Much credit should be given the residents about this park, they having assisted in the work, and supplied funds to the amount of \$350 to carry on the work, in addition to paying for all of the rough grading.

Wilson Common

Was accorded a general treatment, and a ballground was made for minor ball teams. This site offers a quiet retreat away from all noise, and is taken advantage of by a goodly number of people.

Washington Park

The maintenance of the park was kept up under exceeding difficulties, owing to the erection of a new bandstand and comfort station in the center of the park.

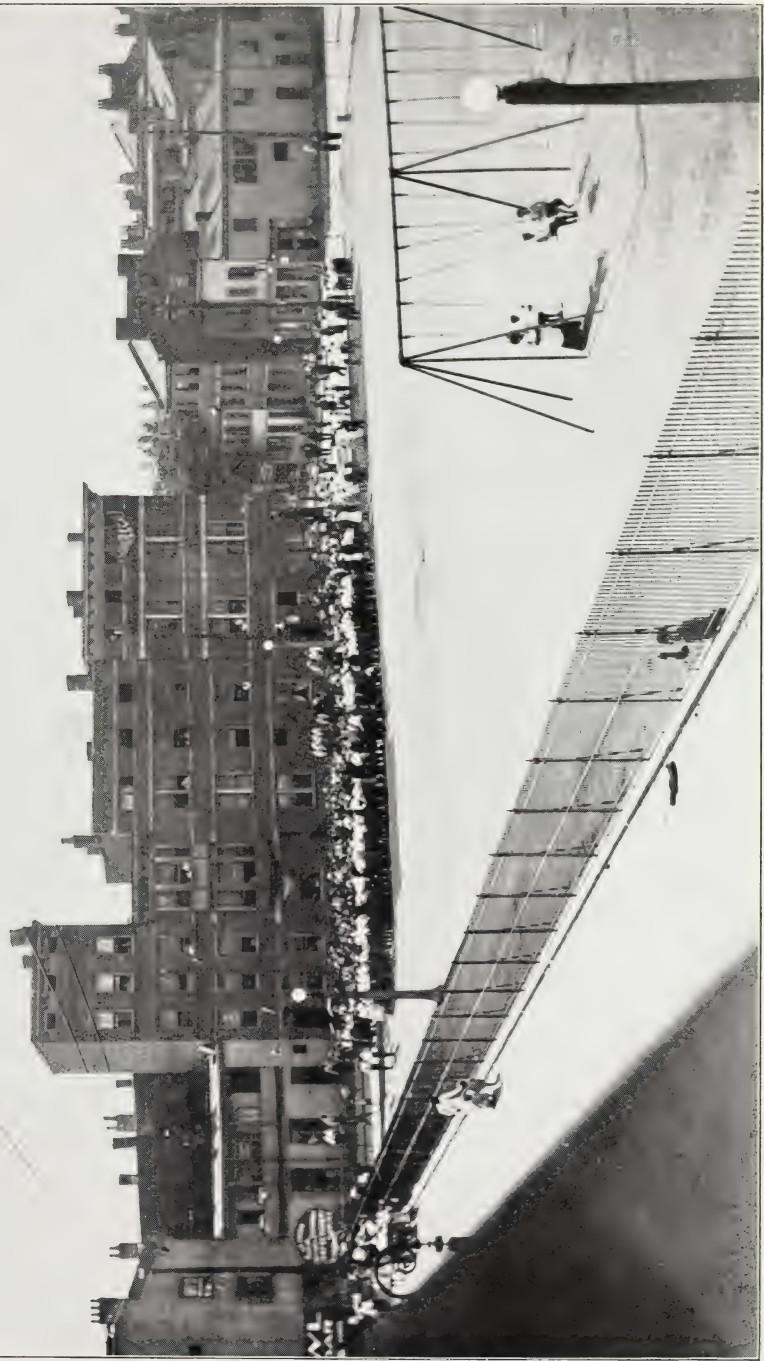
Some 332 shrubs were planted to replace the ones which had died during the previous summer and winter. The usual bedding features of this park were kept up, with the exception of the center. Some 5,500 geraniums, coleus, crotons, alluman-theras, acalyphus, etc., were used for summer bedding, and 2,000 hyacinths and 4,000 tulips were planted in the fall.

Special Report on Greenhouse

Doubt being expressed as to the advisability of continuing the present ratio of expenditures for greenhouse purposes, I herewith submit a report of the work done by the greenhouse force, both for the greenhouse and for the various other parks and city institutions, which is all covered under one heading, "Expenses of the Greenhouse."

A careful perusal of the following report will show that sixteen parks and fifteen public institutions were directly benefitted through the green house, and consequently a counter charge should be made by the greenhouse against the various parks and institutions mentioned.

SINTON PARK PLAYGROUND, NORTHWEST FROM HOSPITAL WINDOW.



The following charge to the greenhouse account should in reality belong to the decorative features of Eden Park, as such were taken care of by the Greenhouse force, three laborers being employed from June to October in caring for the formal gardens in Eden Park at an expense of \$660. Added to this is the general overlooking, trimming and keeping the beds in various parks in form and order, a factor which is very noticeable in our general bedding scheme; the time thus occupied has never been made a record, consequently has become a direct greenhouse charge.

Added to greenhouse expense for the season 1911 was the cost of construction of a cement and iron cold frame for better care and storing of plants during the winter season, to replace the old, unsightly wooden structure previously used.

A complete change in the interior of the southern section of the large front show-house was made, replacing the wooden benches by constructing cement and rock benches, the material for this being gathered from various sources and grouped in a very showy artistic or rustic arrangement, giving the appearance of more natural plant environments, the cost of the above two items being \$268.98.

The whole greenhouse outside was thoroughly cleaned and repairs made where necessary, and painted in some instances with three and others with two coats of white lead and linseed oil. The interior of the whole three front sections was also cleaned and painted with two coats of white lead and linseed oil. This was difficult and tedious work on account of the care necessary for the preservation of the large palms and other plants which we were not able to remove, and the previous use of poor paint, which made it necessary to scrape all the woodwork before the material could be applied. The cost of the above was \$493.34.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT GREENSMITH,

Superintendent of Maintenance.



WATER AND FLOWER GARDENS UPON A CLIFF, EDEN PARK. PARK AVENUE AND WALNUT HILLS BEYOND

PLANTS AND BULBS FURNISHED VARIOUS
PARKS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS DURING
1911, AND COST OF PLANTING SAME

PARKS, ETC.	Plants	Value	Cost of Planting	Bulbs	Value	Cost of Planting	Total Cost
Auburn Place	1,500	150 00	4 86	3,000	21 00	4 83	180 72
Burnet Woods	750	75 00	4 86	.....	.....	.....	79 86
Eden Park	15,600	1,972 00	.....	14,500	116 83	.....	2,088 83
Eden Park Pumping Station	1,200	120 00	3 64	.....	.....	.....	123 64
Evanston Ball grounds.....	300	30 00	2 43	.....	.....	.....	32 43
Hopkins Park	1,500	150 00	4 86	2,900	20 30	4 86	180 02
Hyde Park Square.....	1,000	100 00	4 86	.....	.....	.....	104 86
Johnston Park	4,200	420 00	10 94	6,300	44 10	9 72	481 76
Lincoln Park	2,600	260 00	12 15	8,800	61 60	9 72	343 47
Lytle Park	950	95 00	4 86	1,800	12 60	4 86	117 32
Mt. Echo Park.....	500	50 00	4 86	.....	.....	.....	54 86
Madison Park	350	35 00	2 43	.....	.....	.....	37 43
Sinton Park	1,100	110 00	7 29	1,000	7 00	2 43	126 72
Vine and Hollister Park...	2,600	260 00	9 72	4,300	30 10	4 86	304 68
Washington Park	5,500	550 00	14 58	6,200	76 07	14 58	655 23
Woodward Park	200	20 00	2 43	.....	.....	.....	22 43
Wulsin Park	5,600	560 00	29 16	2,300	16 10	4 86	610 12
Mitchell Tract .....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	7 00	* 2 43	9 43
Elsinore	200	20 00	1 22	.....	.....	.....	21 22
Price Hill Library.....	370	35 00	2 43	.....	.....	.....	37 43
Walnut Hills Library.....	175	17 50	2 43	.....	.....	.....	19 93
North Cincinnati Library..	325	32 50	2 43	.....	.....	.....	34 93
East End Library.....	125	12 50	2 43	.....	.....	.....	14 93
Dayton Street Library....	275	27 50	1 21	.....	.....	.....	28 71
City Hospital	860	86 00	2 43	.....	.....	.....	88 43
City Workhouse	1,750	175 00	7 29	.....	.....	.....	182 29
Cincinnati University ..	1,300	130 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00
Riverside Fire Company...	520	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00
Fire Company No. 23.....	175	17 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 50
Fire Company No. 26.....	500	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Fire Company No. 41.....	525	52 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 50
Fire Company No. 42.....	300	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Totals.....	52,830	\$5,695 00	\$145 80	52,100	\$412 70	\$63 18	\$6,316 68

**COST OF MAINTAINING GREENHOUSES
DURING 1911**

General work (payrolls).....	7,561	52
Light	24	54
Fuel	594	44
General supplies.....	21	24
Repairs to plumbing and building fixtures.....	430	79
Plants, bulbs, etc.....	884	84
Hose, etc.....	46	39
Boiler repairs (also bill of December 26, 1911, paid in 1912, \$198.35).....	169	55
Telephone	60	00
Painting	493	34
Benches and hot-bed frames.....	286	98
		10,573
		63

CHARGES TO BE CREDITED TO GREENHOUSE ACCOUNT.

45,450 plants supplied to various parks.....	4,957	00
Labor supplied from Greenhouse in planting.....	123	93
7,380 plants supplied to city institutions.....	738	00
Labor supplied from Greenhouse in planting.....	21	87
52,100 tulips, hyacinths and iris bulbs planted in various parks	412	70
Labor supplied from Greenhouse in planting.....	63	18
Thos. Hawkins, 130 days at \$2, Eden Park.....	260	00
A. Fehl, 130 days at \$2, Eden Park.....	260	00
Robt. Mathews, 65 days at \$2.15, Eden Park.....	139	75
		6,976
		43
Actual cost of Greenhouse maintenance and improvements during 1911.....		\$3,597 20

ENGINEER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

Under the direction of the Engineer, extensive improvements were made in all lines of construction. The building of new roads, resurfacing and oiling, kept active a large force, which accomplished good results.

Improvements in a number of the older parks and playgrounds to better protect the surface and to offer a better condition for the play purposes necessitated the construction of retaining walls, sewers, with the attending manholes, drains, inlets and catch-basins, and resurfacing with tarvia binder the playground areas and numerous walks.

Formal construction with permanent concrete seats, benches and other ornamental features, including steps, copings, etc., in addition to cement gutters and walks, warranted two large forces of concrete workers the best part of the summer.

Without going into detail, the Engineer reports the following work accomplished under his direction.

LYTLE AND PEARL STREET—

Playground and walks resurfaced..... 35,125 sq. ft.

BURNET WOODS—

Walks.

EDEN PARK, AND BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD—

Brick wall (1910 and 1911)..... 2,111.25 lin. ft.

THE WADING POOL, MCKINLEY PARK



WOODWARD PARK AND EDEN PARK—

Stone Walls (806 cubic yards of stone)	752.60	lin. ft.
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LYTLE PARK—

Iron fence	667	"
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BURNET Woods—

Sewer pipe	5,583	"
Inlets	74	
Manholes	4	

BURNET Woods AND WOODWARD PARK—

New roads	4,027	sq. yds.
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BURNET Woods AND EDEN PARK—

Roads resurfaced and oiled.....	28,203	"
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BURNET Woods, DEMPSEY PARK AND Mt. ECHO PARK—

Roads, oiled only.....	12,820	"
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BURNET Woods, WOODWARD PARK, AND BURNET AVENUE

AND READING ROAD—

Grading	70,500	cu. yds
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WOODWARD PARK AND BURNET Woods—

Cement gutter	4,625.75	lin. ft.
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BURNET Woods AND LYTLE PARK—

Cement walks	21,263.4	sq. ft.
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WULSIN PARK, BURNET Woods AND INWOOD PARK—

Steps and coping	680	lin. ft.
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LYTLE PARK—

Concrete wall	348	"
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EDEN PARK, LOOKING FROM CLIFF, NORTH-NORTHEAST, SHOWING HILL SIDES AND COLUMBIA, GLADSTONE AND EASTERN AVENUES
BELOW, ST. FRANCIS DE SALES' SPIRE TO THE EXTREME LEFT

The following construction work was finished and used for purposes intended:

BURNET WOODS—Bandstand and comfort station.

INWOOD PARK—Comfort station and shelter house.

WASHINGTON PARK—Bandstand and comfort station.

The following construction was commenced and is about 40 per cent completed:

MCKINLEY PARK—Comfort and shelter house and wading pool.

YOUNG AND RINGGOLD STREETS PLAYGROUND—Comfort and shelter house and wading pool.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MEEDS,

Chief Engineer.

PLAYGROUND REPORT

CINCINNATI, O., October 11, 1911.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit for your consideration a report of the work and attendance on the playgrounds during the season of 1911.

Total attendance from May 15 to September 30 was as follows:

INWOOD PARK	132,799
SINTON PARK	136,360
HANNA PLAYGROUND	75,320
LYTLE PARK	38,435
PEARL STREET PLAYGROUND.....	29,270
WOODWARD PARK	23,065
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Total	435,249
Last year's attendance.....	371,964

The increased patronage proves conclusively the popularity of playgrounds in our city. The success of any playground, however, depends to a greater part, upon the supervision and proper management of the same. Without energetic supervision the playground would soon be in possession of the professional loafer. With the proper management they become a source of distinct benefit.

The results of this season's work have fully justified the wisdom of the appointment of the young men and women em-

ployed as play directors. The discipline has been excellent; the sports and games have been conducted with spirit and enthusiasm; the interest of the children has been lively and sustained, and the watchfulness and protection exercised are proven by the fact that no serious accident or disorder has occurred among the hundred thousand of children cared for.

The daily routine of amusement and recreation was followed as closely as possible to the submitted program, and the various appliances were used by squads of children, so divided as to give fair proportion of all privileges.

The urgent demand for play supervision in the evening has been complied with. Great difficulty was found in keeping those over fourteen years of age out of the playgrounds in the evening. I would recommend that wherever the equipment justifies the use of the playgrounds by older boys and girls in the evening, provision should be made for them.

The wading pools, of which we had four in operation, offered, undoubtedly, the greatest amount of amusement to the children. It was a frequent occurrence to meet boys and girls in the pools who had to travel a distance of from five to six miles to enjoy the pleasure in the water. Since these wading pools are intended for the smaller children, and since the older ones have been crowding the younger children out of the wading pools, I respectfully recommend the construction of swimming pools for older boys and girls.

The playground demonstrations and athletic contests arranged on concert nights and other occasions proved to be very popular and valuable, and gave parents and spectators a splendid opportunity to familiarize themselves with the work conducted on the playgrounds.

The Sane Fourth of July Celebration on the playground was a great success, and the attendance in the different parks on that day was estimated from 20,000 to 25,000 people.

The equipment of the grounds has been carefully looked over, and we beg to submit the following recommendations:

1. To resurface Sinton, Hanna and part of Inwood playgrounds.

INWOOD PARK PLAYGROUND, NORTHWEST FROM NEW BUILDING. CROWD VIEWING CHILDREN'S PARADE.



2. To eliminate all such apparatus from the grounds which endanger the safety of the children, such as wipple ladders, etc.
3. To install movable volley ball posts in all the playgrounds.
4. To supply the children with play apparatus for play in the sand.
5. To repair or replace baby swings, slides, etc.
6. To install jumping pits for all playgrounds.
7. To erect at your earliest convenience a shelter house at Lytle Park.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. SEUSS,

Supervisor of Playgrounds.

PINES AND ROCKS WITHIN THE HEART OF THE CITY—EDEN PARK



AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

OF PROPERTY COMPRISING PARKS OF
CINCINNATI ON DECEMBER 31, 1911.

	Cost of Land	Acreage
OLD PARKS.		
EDEN PARK		214.25
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865, to Jan. 1, 1869..... 633,514 81		
Land leased from Jan. 1, 1869, to Dec. 31, 1908..... 214,500 00		
Total payments on leaseholds..... 848,014 81		
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1859, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1881 and 1893 at a cost of..... } 851,913 00		
Total cost of Eden Park property..... 1,699,927 81		
BURNET WOODS.....		163.50
Land leased from Oct. 18, 1812, to July 1, 1881.... 256,355 68		
Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 at a cost of..... } 490,500 00		
Total cost of Burnet Woods property..... 746,855 68		
HOPKINS PARK.....		1.00
Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1856, by Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.		
LINCOLN PARK.....		10.00
Acquired through exchanges of land. Six acres were ac- quired by first exchange on Mar. 1, 1834, and four acres acquired by second exchange on Aug. 14, 1837. The land acquired thus was used as a Potter's Field (the pest-house being located thereon, also) for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK.....		5.60
Land purchased in 1858 and 1863..... 138,050 00		
GARFIELD PARK		1.00
This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin Piatt, to be used as a market space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1868, it was dedicated formally to park use.		
Total cost and acreage of park property..... 2,584,833 49	395.35	
PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM 1904 TO 1908, INCLUSIVE.		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD.....		.16
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905..... 2,038 47		
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK.....		2.50
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905..... 14,489 82		
Carried forward	\$16,528 29	2.66

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	16,528 29	2.66
EAST END PARK.....		7.50
Land purchased in 1904.....	36,555 42	
AUBURN PLACE.....		.8
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1908.....	21,530 17	
MCKINLEY PLACE.....		1.21
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.....	50,574 39	
CALHOUN STREET EXTENSION TO BURNET WOODS		1.50
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907.....	72,366 56	
LUDLOW AVENUE EXTENSION TO BURNET WOODS..		2.20
Land purchased in 1903 and 1907.....	81,898 54	
LYTLE PARK.....		1.36
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1908.....	242,792 31	
OWLS' NEST PARK.....		5.80
Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, Jas. Handasyd Perkins, and their mother, Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.....	550 83	
WILSON COMMON.....		8.395
Gift of Mehitable Copenhagen Wilson. Accepted by the city on August 28, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.....	174 55	
WOODWARD PARK.....		10.70
Gift of Jos. C. and Alice H. Noyes, for park and public playground purposes. Accepted by the city on July 27, 1908		
DEER CREEK COMMON.....		12.80
Land purchased in 1905, 1906 and 1908.....	248,605 93	
MADISON PARK		2.866
Came into possession of the city through annexation of Hyde Park in November, 1903		
INWOOD PARK.....		19.492
Land purchased in 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908.....	108,361 63	
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER.....		.20
Extension to Eden Park. Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.	12,324 90	
SINTON PARK.....		2.33
Land purchased in 1907 and 1908.....	255,865 47	
DEMPSEY PARK (Hubbard Tract).....		10.00
Land purchased in 1907.....	17,393 62	
LINWOOD PARK.....		.25
Acquired through annexation of Linwood.		
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired from 1904 to 1908, inclusive.....	\$1,165,522 61	90.063
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1909.		
MT. ECHO PARK.....	61,152 84	46.586
YOUNG AND RINGGOLD PLAYGROUND.....	25,498 76	1.996
Carried forward	\$86,651 60	48.582

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	86,651 60	48.582
NURSERY		23.29
Leased for ten years, from April 9, 1909.		
HANNA PLAYGROUND.....		1.00
Gift of Miss Mary Hanna.		
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired during { the year 1909.....	\$86,651 60	72,872
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1910.		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD.....	32,801 17	4.00
WELLINGTON PLACE	2,168 17	.317
Extension to Inwood Park.		
WULSIN TRACT.....	10,859 52	.95
Madison road and Observatory avenue. Money for this purchase given by Mr. Lucien Wulsin.		
PEARL STREET PLAYGROUND.....		.44
Transfer authorized by act of Council.		
ROCHELLE AND FALKE STREETS.....		.072
Transfer authorized by act of Council.		
WARSAW AND WOODLAWN AVENUE.....		1.157
Transfer authorized by act of Council.		
MAYFIELD AND CARSON STREETS.....		2.053
Transfer authorized by act of Council.		
ST. CLAIR STREET, JEFFERSON AVENUE AND ZELT- NER STREET .....		.50
Transfer authorized by act of Council.		
HYDE PARK FOUNTAIN.....		.25
Acquired by annexation.		
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired during { the year 1910.....	\$45,828 86	9.739
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1911.		
AULT PARK.....		150.00
Linwood Heights. Given by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault.		
BLOODY RUN VALLEY PROPERTY.....		2.10
Given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg.		
BISHOP AND JEFFERSON.....	3,515 00	.14
BLACHLY FARM.....	82,924 96	114.00
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD (Addition to)...	27,701 33	3.00
BURNET WOODS (Addition to).....	11,517 62	1.75
CAMP WASHINGTON.....		9.85
Given by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taft.		
CAMP WASHINGTON (Addition to).....	4,148 16	3.52
Carried forward	\$129,807.07	284.36

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	129,807 07	284.36
COLLEGE HILL TOWN HALL LOT.....		4.75
Acquired by annexation.		
DEER CREEK COMMON (Addition to).....	5,269 30	.23
EVANSTON ATHLETIC FIELD.....	18,018 58	5.25
HULBERT AND FREEMAN PLAYGROUND.....		.596
Given by Mrs. Matilda H. Perin.		
KIRBY TRACT.....	34,256 50	168.15
LICK RUN ATHLETIC GROUNDS.....	14,811 00	4.25
MITCHELL TRIANGLE.....		.20
Rose Hill avenue and Reading road. Given by Mr. Albert Mitchell.		
MOHAWK PLAYGROUND.....	17,098 10	.521
Mt. STORM PARK.....	117,308 40	66.85
McFARLAN WOODS AND ECKERT TRACT.....	13,265 96	121.45
McMICKEN AND WALNUT PLAYGROUND.....	45,050 39	.65
PARKER'S WOODS.....	46,940 50	31.50
SAYLER PARK.....		2.85
Given by Mr. Milton Sayler.		
SAYLER PARK.....		3.15
Acquired by annexation.		
SYCAMORE STREET PLAYGROUND.....	64,734 26	.45
Third and Collard streets.....		1.50
Transfer authorized by act of Council.		
TURKEY RIDGE PROPERTY.....		.47
Given by Mr. Wm. Worthington.		
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK (Addition to).....	1,554 20	.287
WESTWOOD COMMONS	16,000 00	21.27
WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT.....		.75
Acquired by annexation.		
WESTERN AND McLEAN AVENUES.....	3,973 12	.127
WALNUT HILLS PLAYGROUND.....	10,088 50	1.083
WOODWARD PARK (Addition to).....	3,015 00	.569
WULSIN PARK (Addition to).....	3,549 71	.123
Total cost and acreage of property acquired during the { year 1911	\$544,740 59	721.389
Total cost and acreage of all park property Dec. 31, 1911...	\$4,427,592 15	1,289.413

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES

To DECEMBER 31, 1911.

	Area in Acres	Cost of Land	Cost of Improvement	Total Cost
Park land owned by the city December 31, 1903.....}	395.35	\$2,584,833 49	.....	\$2,584,833 49
Added during 1904.....	10.36	64,080 24	.....	64,080 24
" " 1905.....	31.865	636,500 09	33,707 42	670,207 51
" " 1906.....	19.492	105,212 14	8,670 14	113,882 28
" " 1907.....	12.20	103,333 02	13,506 58	116,839 60
" " 1908.....	16.146	256,397 12	84,784 47	341,181 59
" " 1909.....	72.872	86,651 60	128,997 87	215,649 47
" " 1910.....	9.739	45,843 86	85,473 39	131,317 25
" " 1911.....	721.389	544,740 59	100,597 53	645,338 12
Total.....	1,289.413	\$4,427,592 15	\$455,737 40	\$4,883,329 55



E AND PROPERTY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

or the Year Ending December 31, 1911

EXPENSE AND PROPERTY DIVISIONS

PROPERTY CHARGES

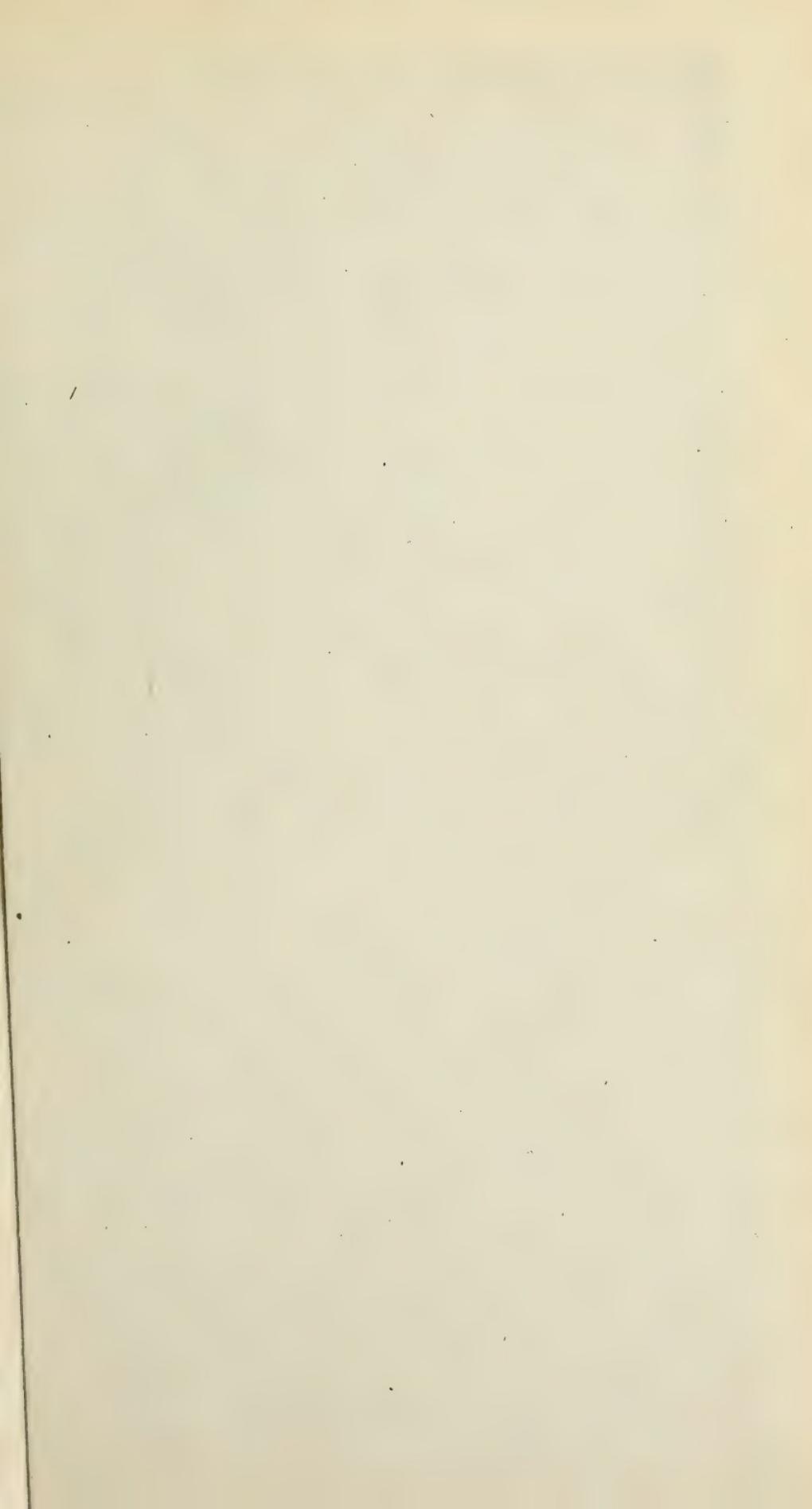
Real estate	544,881.89	11,517.09		5,260.30		17,005.10		1,554.20		16,000.00		\$,015.00	10,085.50	3,673.12	3,549.71	14.50	3,515.00	82,924.96	117,305.10	27,701.33	4,146.16		18,018.8		34,296.10	11,811.00	13,245.96	45,030.30	40,040.60	44,734.26	18.80	110.00														
Buildings, etc.	29,764.45	6,534.28	3,095.78		8,665.75	136.16	2,714.75		1,060.65	5,324.78	1,161.30																																			
Furniture and fixtures	2.00			34.83	50.00	10.83			36.82	50.00	50.00																																			
Machinery, implements, tools and equipment	2,664.32					30.42				30.42																																				
Horses, wagons and automobiles	2,818.94	1,500.26	888.00	841.70		150.00																																								
Engineer's supplies (travel etc.)	934.64	784.74																																												
Engineering and construction	7,397.42	7,397.42																																												
Engineers' salaries																																														
General	1,522.75	774.27	54.00	184.36		60.02		22.45				5.62		56.14		38		433.98														291.50														
Lighting and water system	1,238.05		130.77			65.84		70.80	496.03			14.40		55.15		17.40		387.66																												
Resurfacing	1,481.54					1,336.64																																								
Grading	30,098.56		10,519.70			689.70						21.16		1,236.82		2,420.41		1,091.12	4,834.20		16.00		4,401.69	4,547.75		203.92					484.00	152.50	385.41													
Concrete work	4,317.09	880.86	80.22		367.96							173.70		1,726.25		989.00																														
Drainage	2,492.32		1,317.40	257.19		14.54	8.00	284.44	206.20			15.63																																		
Lake	1,425.10		1,425.10																																											
Roadways	5,093.78		639.61			438.61						52.40				95.66		3,205.40																												
Plants, trees, etc.	1,415.78					262.93	60.51	253.00				16.78		124.40		30.65		24.00																												
Playgrounds-Ball grounds, etc.	955.61					246.00	35.66		150.71		33.00	9.04				72.00	195.05		165.54																											
Walks, fences, walls and steps	7,120.69	11.82	1,629.68	37.85					1,364.03	1,532.07						7.38	236.59		30.67	935.89		481.84																								
Payroll	28,412.06	7,397.42	3,049.32	1,647.89		6.00	462.61	975.66	1,286.02		448.57				77.39	2,117.44		4,922.13		1,021.82	88.70		468.25	16.00			2,291.95		414.77	8.83	174.64		484.00	44.00	386.44											
Other charges	617,086.78	2,126.16	19,936.50	4,341.55	37.85	755.00	407.71	5,965.13	9,750.40		1,865.03	2,767.75	92.78	17,098.10	196.08	164.62	97.40	1,886.00	1,542.20	6,073.60	17,574.73		1,864.37	10,085.30	3,673.12	4,140.31	6,037.00	56.73	8,715.00	82,924.96	117,302.60	29,931.3	8,160.91	2,744.40	55.71	18,069.01		31,230.00	11,811.00	13,245.96	45,030.30	40,040.60	44,734.26	18.80	110.00	
Total property charges	\$645,470.42	\$9,520.28	\$32,615.3	\$5,969.44	\$37.85		\$761.66	\$870.32	\$0,370.79	\$11,476.48		\$2,333.60		\$2,767.75	\$92.76	\$17,068.10	\$106.58	\$164.42	\$116.40	\$8,889.80	\$1,575.38	\$7,051.04	\$19,002.17		\$10,788.70	\$10,085.50	\$3,673.12	\$5,822.15	\$5,120.50	\$48.48	\$13,531.00	\$82,924.96	\$117,302.60	\$33,201.29	\$8,205.01	\$2,969.17		\$848.00	\$19,205.00	\$45,404.80	\$80.00	\$46,940.50		\$65,120.70	\$10.80	\$110.00

Total Expense and Property Charges

Less stock on hand Dec. 31, 1910..... \$

Proceeds from rents and sales of buildings for 1911, transferred to sinking Fund Trustees.

Grand Total of Expenditures for Year 1911..



UNMARIALIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

From January 1, 1905, to December 31, 1911

Acreage	1905				1906				1907				1908				1909				1910				1911				
	Maintain- ance	Improve- ment	Exten- sion	Received	Expended																								
Total Maintenance, 1905 (See foot note for divisions marked *)	50,064.69			4,464.15			4,902.53			5,241.29			14,044.10		6,350.28		18,102.31		384.43		21,219.21		9,326.38						
Administration	.80			4,774.80	21,445.16	665.79	67.80		601.45			1,127.78		83.02	33.11	613.90		40.80		467.1		806.40		4,433.98		14.40			
Auburn Place	150.																									10.00	3,515.00		
Ault Park (gift of L. A. Ault)	.14																										82,414.90		
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle	114.																												
Bisbey Farm	2.10																												
Brooks Run Parkway (gift of Mrs. Eugene G. Brinker)	7.10			785.27			553.00			9,409.51		116.63		14,431.67		34.00	20,449.73		158.20	106.00	131.40	52,801.17	361.94	9,499.87	27,701.33				
Burnet Avenue and Beulah Road																											110.00		
Burnet Woods																													
Calhoun Street Extension	168.95			1,171.68	71,632.00	11,390.95	2,040.63	216.22		966.94	1,075.65		1,142.00		1,142.45		1,049.00												
Laudow Avenue Extension																													
Camp Washington Playground (gift of 8.0 acres by Mrs. C. F. Taft)	13.37																												
College Hill Park (annexation)	4.75																												
Concerts		3,076.75																											
Construction Yard																													
Deer Creek Common - Hunt Street Athletic Grounds	18.08			6,097.92	247,725.00					1,500.89	67.83			1,785.73			14,306.13		87.80	2,129.81	15,421.26	25.00	2,028.10	3,525.59	2,160.40	1,014.49	5,200.30		
Dempsey Park (Hubbard Tract)	10.									30.00										7,280.07	8,165.49	2.95	4,750.44	915.00	570.52				
East End Park	7.50									140.00										1,040.57	404.50	449.1	66.78	60.04					
Eden Park											23,496.83		59,343.35		30,700.09	1,032.39		31,601.88	188.78		31,744.76	6,100.81	29,720.26	5,089.44					
Gilbert Avenue Extension	214.45			386.53	174.90																								
Exton Hall Ground	5.85																												
Forestry																													
Nursery (Lease of ten years from 1899)	23.29																												
Garfield Park	1.00																												
General Greenhouses																													
General Stores (Inventory)																													
Hanna Park (gift of Miss Mary Hanna)	1.00					863.99					780.44				895.13			630.37		601.30	10,513.66	313.49	501.00	10,513.66	313.49	37.85			
Hopkins Park	1.00																												
Hulbert Playground (gift of Mrs. Matilda H. Perin)	.56																												
Hyde Park Fountains	.26																												
Inwood Park		19,800									210.00		104,928.69	10.00	10.00	3,076.69		11,031.03	15.35	151.50	30,839.70	3,014.17	8,037.18	5,704.41	11,476.48				
Wellington Place																													
Kirby Tract	108.15																												
Lick Run Athletic Grounds	4.35																												
Lincoln Park	10.					3,664.57					4,418.34			4,522.17		6,288.89		1,886.08	184.12		4,801.23								
Linwood Park (annexation)	.35										21.75			782.22		2,157.87	2,420.83	44.00	2,084.40	188.16	8,996.49	2,333.00							
Lyle Park	1.30			1,752.39	242,168.31					1,320.42		1,063.00																	
McFarlan Woods	181.45																												
McKinley Park	1.31			5,002.44	60,574.59	1,493.14	14.00			1,406.39			1,740.21			1,019.22			1,019.89	239.88		1,019.95	2,107.75						
McMicken and Walnut Playground	.66																												
Mc. Echo Park	46.86																1.44	390.14	8,886.04	61,151.40	1,150.12	1,884.63	3,104.44	92.76					
Mc. Storm (Bowler Tract)	66.85																						1,05.49	44.50	117,309.40				
Madison Park (annexation)	9.56																												
Maryfield and Carson Streets (annexation)	2.63																												
Mitchell Triangle (gift of Albert D. Mitchell)	.80																												
Molhawk Playground	.531																												
Owl's Nest Park (gift of Chas. E. and Edw. C. Perkins)	5.80			550.83	629.12	10.28				600.00		70.21				405.10			956.07	2,057.91		1,432.70	104.42						
Parker's Woods	21.50																												
Pearl Street Playground	.44																												
Probasco Fountain																													
Rochelle and Falke Streets Triangle (transfer)	.073																												
Saylor Park (gift of 5.65 acres by Milton Saylor, annexation, 3.16 acres)	6.																	11,630.24	253,345.47	2,300.88	42,772.94	9,159.74	2,876.83	8,199.23	2,339.59				
Sinton Park	9.33					620.00																							
Mayfield Street Playground	.46																												
Turkey Ridge	.47																												
Tyler-Davidson Fountain		2,824.00									1,453.84			1,406.40		2,858.54		4,332.62	3,852.49	19,138.62			6.44						
Tyler-Davidson Fountain Comfort Station																													
Vine and Hollister Park	2.787			5,876.90	10.00	600.46	18.25			609.67		768.19									855.41	102.05	60.00	890.32	21.10	1,551.20			
Walnut Hills Playground	1.083																												
Warehouse (Central Avenue)																													
Warsaw and Woodlawn Avenues (transit)	1.157																												
Washington Park	6.00										4,161.13			4,046.00			5,057.63			7,117.25	4.00		1,074.09	7,051.04		3,973.12			
Western and McLean Playground	.127																												
Westwood Common	21.87																												
Westwood Town Hall Lot (annexation)	.75																												
Wilson Common (gift of Mrs. M. C. Wilson)	8.395			174.66	189.85																								

* NOTE.—Cost of maintenance for 1906 was not kept separately, but was for divisions marked with a star (*). These comprised total park possessions at the beginning of 1904.





ANNUAL REPORT

**BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS**

CITY OF CINCINNATI

1912

PARK COMMISSIONERS

L. A. AULT

IRWIN M. KROHN

D. B. MEACHAM

PARK COMMISSION

It is perhaps well in making a report of the Park Commission for the year 1912, to recall the circumstances of its beginnings. In the year 1906, an association of citizens, called The Greater Park League, was formed to consider the establishment of a park system for the City of Cincinnati. As the result of this movement, to quote from the records of the Board of Public Service:

"On June 25, 1906, the City Council passed an ordinance, reading as follows:

'Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

'Section I. That there is hereby appropriated from the Park Extension Fund, the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars to provide for the expense of making a comprehensive and adequate plan for improving or completing the improvement of any parks or boulevards in the City of Cincinnati.'"

On July 5, 1906, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Service:

"**RESOLVED:** That the following be and are hereby appointed to serve, without compensation, on the New Park Commission, for the purpose of devising plans and systems for the contemplated extension of Park Systems:

Max Senior,
Henry Rattermann,
Wm. B. Poland,
L. A. Ault,
Wm. Salway;

and the Clerk be instructed to officially notify them of their appointment, with the request that they meet the Board for a conference, July 18, 1906, at 3 P. M."

Under the authority of the ordinance and the resolution appointing this commission, it made a careful canvass of the country's expert landscape architects, finally choosing Mr. Geo. E. Kessler, of Geo. E. Kessler & Co., Kansas City, as the man best fitted for the work of laying out a comprehensive plan for parks and parkways in Cincinnati.

Through the joint efforts of the Greater Park League and the New Park Commission, a Park Act, drafted by the commission, was passed through the State Legislature on May 19, 1907 (99v. 440). The commission then received the thanks of the administration and was dismissed.

To quote further from the records of the Board of Public Service:

"At the November election of 1908, the people voted in favor of a Park Commission under the provisions of the Ohio Statutes, and in accordance therewith Mayor Markbreit appointed the first Board of Park Commissioners, December 10, 1908, consisting of L. A. Ault (for three years); Wm. Gilbert (for two years); Julius Fleischmann (for one year)."

By referring to the Table of Park Commissioners, page 399, the names of those who have served the city in this capacity may be ascertained. The commissioners are appointed by the Mayor for terms of three years each, one expiring annually on December 10.

The Board of Park Commissioners has diligently prosecuted its work, ever bearing in mind its essential object—the Kessler plan. It has not been always possible to procure land corresponding exactly to the theoretical lines of this plan, but properties have been acquired as nearly identical as conditions permitted. Maps have been prepared for general distribution, showing the Kessler plan in light green; the park properties, prior to the creation of the commission, etched in black; and all acquisitions since, in dark green.

On January 1, 1912, the commission consisted of L. A. Ault, President; Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President; and George Puchta, Auditor. On May 9, Mr. Gilbert resigned, and Irwin M. Krohn was appointed by the Mayor to fill the vacancy. On June 1st, the Secretary and General Manager, M. C. Longenecker, resigned. A reorganization of the executive force followed. Wm. Hodgkinson was made Secretary; C. H. Meeds was continued as Engineer, and H. E. Greensmith was made Horticulturist. Reference to the table of organization, page 398, will show the new working method. On October 31st, Horticulturist H. E. Greensmith resigned. His duties were assigned to the Park Engineer.

On December 10th, Mr. Puchta's term expired. He declined with regret the honor of reappointment by the Mayor, owing to his inability to give the necessary time to the Park Commission. D. B. Meacham was appointed to the vacancy.

During the past year the office force, foremen and sub-foremen have been brought under civil service. The total number of park employees has varied from a minimum in winter of 165 to a maximum in summer of 350.

The city appropriation for the maintenance of parks for the year 1912 was \$165,585.00; the collections of the department were \$1,068.00; the net cost to the taxpayers therefore being \$164,516.32.

The balance of the park bond fund on December 31, 1911, was \$414,221.85. On December 31, 1912, it was \$70,506.90. \$176,121.54 was expended in the acquisition of 412.812 acres of new properties. \$167,593.41 was expended in the permanent improvement of park properties. By reference to the tables, pages 404 and 406, these expenditures are seen in detail.



Lagoon, Ohio River and Kentucky Hills
from Mt. Echo Park.



Little Miami Valley from Ault Park.

A Little Piece of Blachley Farm, to be the Adult Playground and Arboretum.



Main Drive, Eden Park.

On November 4, 1912, the qualified electors, by a two-thirds majority, voted the Park Commissioners a bond issue of \$750,000.00 for the acquisition and improvement of parks, parkways and playgrounds.

During the past year the board has been indebted to public-spirited and generous citizens for gifts of land, page 401, and for moneys for concerts, page 401, for all of which they voice the hearty thanks of the community. In this connection it may be said that probably no money spent in the city brings a larger degree of pleasure into the lives of a greater number of people than that expended in concerts.

As the following reports and tables fully cover the work of the Park Department for the year 1912, this report will but briefly mention its more important features. Chief among these is the consistent progress toward the completion of the Kessler plan by the gradual acquisition of necessary territory. The Table of Park properties, page 404, will indicate what lands have been acquired during the past year, together with their location, acreage, manner of acquisition, cost to the city, value, etc.

The largest operation entered upon during the year 1912, was the Bloody Run Parkway. It is planned to extend this a distance of two and a quarter miles, beginning at Durrell avenue, Walnut Hills, following the Bloody Run valley across Gilbert, Rockdale, Dana, Sherman and Hopkins avenues and Reading road, and terminating in the Blachly Farm, North Avondale. Throughout the greater length of the valley, two roadways will be built, one on either side. The portion of the parkway lying between Gilbert and Rockdale avenues will be open to travel in 1913, and work on the remainder pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Another important undertaking of the past year was the commencement of the new entrance to Mt. Echo Park. Starting at Elberon avenue, with a handsome piece of masonry necessary to support an unstable section of hill, the roadway will run to the top of the mount at a grade but slightly exceeding that of Gilbert avenue, making a direct, easy and agreeable connection between the car line and the park.

Nine playgrounds were in successful operation during the season of 1912. The attendance increased by gratifying numbers, as may be seen by the report of the Playground Director, N. C. Seuss. As the playgrounds are thoroughly appreciated, it is unnecessary to dwell on their merits or political economy. Briefly, the approximate daily cost per child for the playground season of 1912 was three-fourths of a cent. In 1913, it is proposed to establish ten new playgrounds. In addition to these, swing frames and see-saws will be placed in several of the smaller parks. New amusement features will embrace a number of tennis courts and croquet grounds.

Forestry, an important branch of park work, was seriously undertaken in 1912. The trees and shrubs throughout the park system were found to be in bad condition, and modern tree surgery has been vigorously pushed. By referring to the forestry tables, page

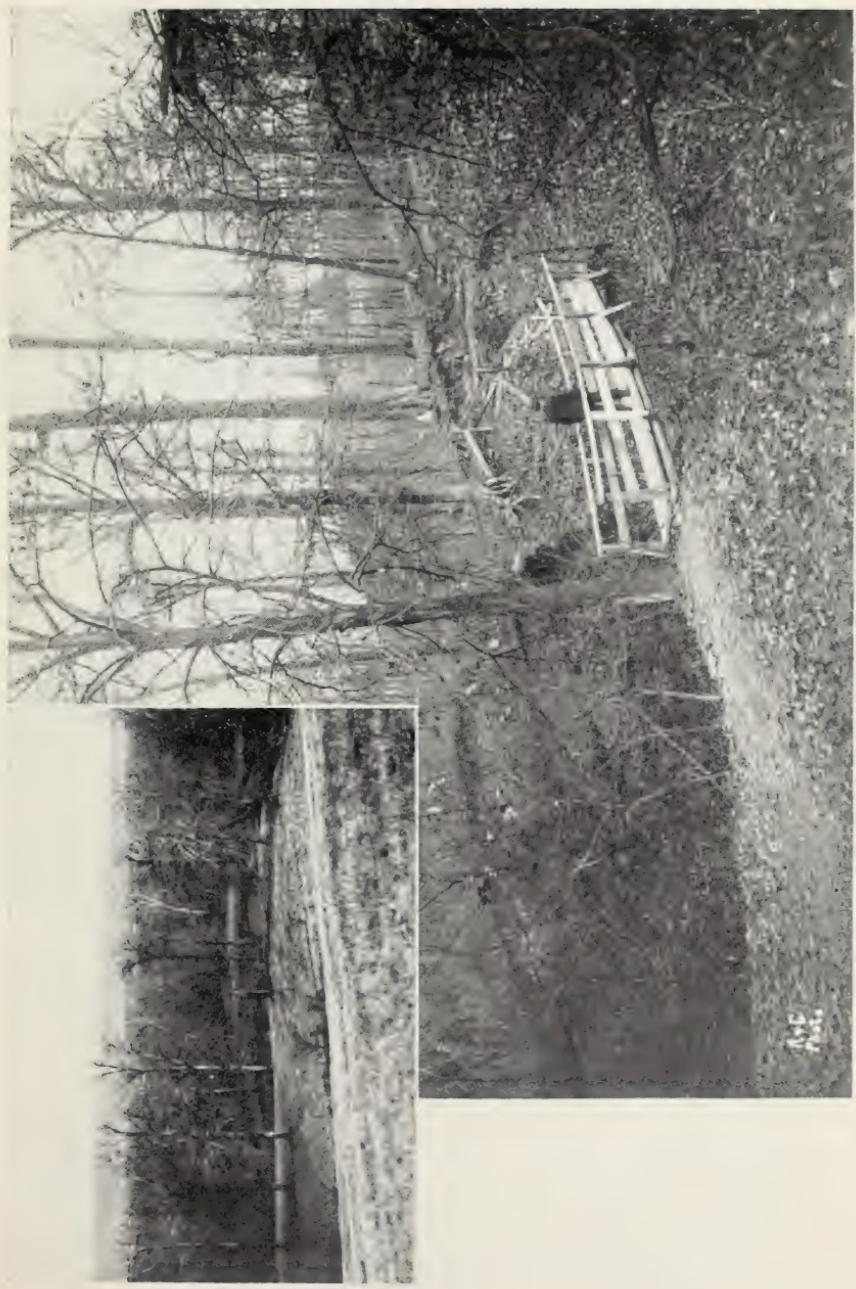
402, the large number of trees thus benefited may be ascertained; the prospective work of reforesting the larger, outlying properties being indicated by the number of seedling forest trees already planted, or on order for spring delivery to the several tree nurseries.

On recommendation of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, the Park Commissioners formed an agreement in the Autumn of 1912, with the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio. An extract from their annual report for 1912 will perhaps best express the nature of this connection:

"During the summer of 1912, the City of Cincinnati requested advice regarding the reforesting of some 1,500 acres of park property. It was suggested that the city devote some of the area to the development of a forest park. This suggestion was acted upon favorably by the Board of Park Commissioners and a co-operative agreement was entered into whereby the experiment station is to supervise the operations. The plan is to model the park somewhat after the European system of city forest parks, and to the knowledge of the writer, is the first undertaking of its kind in this country. The station is to have a supervisor in charge, who is to superintend all planting and improvement work. Arrangements have been made for a forest nursery with a capacity of about 200,000 trees. All planting, stock and labor is to be provided by the city. The station believes the opportunity at Cincinnati to be one of the best possible for work of a demonstration of an educational nature, and to develop the forest park idea. The topography and soils lend themselves to a variety of tree growth and to the natural aesthetic effect, so important in an undertaking of this kind."

In conclusion, the board wishes to emphasize the fact that every effort toward the realization of the complete Kessler plan, together with the establishment of many more playgrounds, is being made, and the work urged forward as rapidly as the funds at hand will permit.

L. A. AULT,
IRWIN M. KROHN,
D. B. MEACHAM,
Board of Park Commissioners.
WM. HODGKINSON, Secretary.



Bits of Ault Park in December,

Snow Scene, Burnet Woods.



Skating in Burnet Woods.



REPORT OF THE PARK ENGINEER

Owing to the necessary length of a detailed review of the engineer's work, mention has been made of the work done only in such properties as required particular attention. All park properties have received their quota of care in the matter of park maintenance. Information on planting, seeding, clearing and nursery work for the past year will be given in the Report on Park Horticulture and Forestry and in the Tables of Trees and Shrubbery and Seedlings on Order.

AULT PARK

During the past year a topographical survey of this property was completed.

A foot path was opened, leading from the car line at Grant's stop on Erie avenue, through the woods and up to the point formerly occupied by the Linwood Water Tower. A drinking fountain was placed and toilet facilities provided.

BLOODY RUN PARKWAY

Actual construction on the Bloody Run Parkway has been commenced on that portion between Gilbert and Rockdale avenues. The grading of a strip 50 feet in width has been practically completed. This roadway should be macadamized and open for travel some time during the year 1913.

BLUE ROCK MARKET SPACE

The oval on Blue Rock street near Cherry was taken over by the Park Department. The old material to a depth of 18 inches was removed and replaced with good soil, and provisions made for a walk through the center.

BURNET WOODS

The level of the lake in Burnet Woods was raised about 18 inches. The upper end of the lake was cleaned out and made available for boating purposes. These processes increased the area of the lake more than one-third. At the north end of the lake, a temporary wooden dock was constructed, and the boathouse moved across the road from its former location. A basement and increased toilet facilities were added to the boathouse. The basement, now being on a level with the playground surface, is used as a shelter house by the children.

Two additional drinking fountains were placed, one near the lake, and the other near the bandstand.

Of roadway, 3,430 square yards were resurfaced, covered with calcium chloride, and given three treatments of the same during the summer.

Considerable work was done during the latter part of the year toward grading along Woodside place, the quarry being practically stripped for the entire length of the park frontage. This will give an opportunity through the winter for quarrying and thereby grading of a portion of the bank at this point. In this work, two purposes are accomplished, increasing this street to its proper width and constructing a good slope.

BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD

Much has been done at the triangle at Burnet avenue and Reading road toward placing this property in a finished condition.

A contract for filling and grading, amounting to 15,804 cubic yards, was finished in October. The cutting off of the point under McMillan Street Bridge was accomplished with the aid of the Street Repair Department. A brick wall about 150 feet in length was built, separating the park from the adjoining property. About 1,500 lineal feet of stone and cinder walks have been constructed. Nearly the entire grounds have been graded.

In order to furnish drainage, it was necessary to lay about 500 feet of drain pipe on this property.

DEMPSEY PARK

At Dempsey Park, considerable grading in the nature of landscape work was done in connection with the planting. The portion abutting Warsaw avenue was graded and seeded, and also a part of the park along the eastern boundary.

A drinking fountain was placed near the ball grounds.

EAST END BALL GROUNDS

The bank along Eastern avenue was graded for the entire length of this property, and from one to three rows of fixed wooden seats placed on the bank overlooking the ball grounds.

EDEN PARK

Considerable work, other than the ordinary maintenance, has been done in Eden Park. Of this the most important is the widening of the roadway under the concrete bridge. This roadway has been increased from an available width of about 18 feet to one of 45 feet and has been further improved by the construction of a sidewalk along the southerly side of the roadway, thus insuring safety to pedestrians. Another change in the main roadway was that made between the springhouse and the bandstand, the road here being raised, new gutters constructed, and the roadway widened for about 30 feet to something over 50 feet, making a uniform curve and adding both to the comfort and safety of traffic at what was formerly a very bad place in the road. Roadways amounting to 3,800 square yards were resurfaced and oiled; 1,730 square yards resurfaced only; and 9,200 square yards oiled only.

Old Carriage Road, Eighteen Feet Wide.

Concrete Bridge, Built in 1894.

EDEN PARK.

New Motor Road, Forty-two Feet Wide.



It Happened in Eden Park, Exceeding the Twenty-mile Speed Limit.



Easing Old Curves to Help Avoid the Above.

A stone and tarvia walk was constructed around the reservoirs, a distance of 4,324 feet, of which 1,148 feet is brick pavement along the southerly side of the reservoir. This walk varies from 5 to 8 feet in width, and winds through the trees and shrubbery on a fairly uniform grade between the wall of the reservoir and the wall of the roadway, always within sight of the water.

For the accommodation of the residents of Mt. Adams, a flight of wooden steps leading from Russell to Ida street was rebuilt, and a path and concrete steps just south of the Elsinore Tower constructed. There was also built a flight of wooden steps at the south end of the stone bridge, leading up to the Art Museum.

The old stone wall opposite the greenhouse, along the back of the parking space for vehicles, was removed; the space enlarged and a new stone wall constructed.

The abandoned water tower in Eden Park and the house and land southwest of the dam were taken over by this department.

EVANSTON ATHLETIC BALL GROUNDS

The ball grounds of the Evanston Athletic Field were entirely regraded during the past year, and the grounds generally placed in good condition. Water connections were made.

The Evanston Welfare Association, by private subscription, erected a grand stand, overlooking the ball field, and installed a drinking fountain and a flag staff.

FILSON OUTLOOK

The shelter house at Filson Outlook was finished in time to put into use for the playground season of 1912. Two sets of playground apparatus were placed on either side of the building, one for girls and one for boys, and a drinking fountain installed. The entire playfield was surfaced, using cinders and tarvia.

HULBERT AND FREEMAN PLAYGROUND

This property has been graded and prepared for playground by the building of a stone wall along Hulbert street and the west side of the lot.

INWOOD PARK

During the year, the valley between Hollister street and Wellington place has been graded, a cement sidewalk built on the north side of Wellington place, and drains laid from the ends of the streets to the sewer.

A canvas canopy on pipe frame was placed on the playground over the sand boxes for shade.

LICK RUN BALL GROUND

As this property lies below the street level, it is necessary to fill it. While the north portion adjoining Queen City avenue, is in process of filling, the south portion is in use as a ball field. Goal posts were set for the foot ball season of 1912.

LINCOLN PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS

The continual wash of the larger lake in this park had left the banks in unsightly condition. This was remedied by placing a boulder revetment, bedded in concrete, around the shores of lake and island.

The walks of the entire park were remade. Cement walks were placed on the Kenner and Hopkins street sides and the sidewalk on Freeman avenue repaired. Stone fence curbs were reset, and the entrances to the park widened.

The corner of the park at Hopkins and President place was regraded, preparatory to making a double playground. The soil removed was used for filling the smaller lake, which has since been turned into a sunken garden.

Much grading, surfacing and resodding were done.

LYTLE PARK AND PLAYGROUND

A combination music pavilion and comfort station was erected between the park and playground at Lytle Park.

M'KINLEY PARK AND PLAYGROUND

The shelter house with ample shades and a wading pool, was placed in use early in the playground season and two drinking fountains installed.

A concrete block wall was erected around three sides of the park and a considerable amount of cement walk laid.

Sand pits were placed at either end of the shades, and two lines of playground paraphernalia installed.

MADISON PARK

On this property, completed by recent purchase, some grading was done and the banks on Erie Avenue and Madison road were improved by lengthening the slopes.

MOHAWK PLAYGROUND

The old buildings on this property have been wrecked, and the ground partially prepared for the erection of a shelter house.

MT. STORM PARK

A tanbark walk about 1,780 feet in length was constructed, leading from Ludlow avenue, near the canal, up to the old Bowler homestead on this property, giving a direct connection from the car line on Ludlow avenue to the park. A drinking fountain and toilet facilities were installed.

Commencement of Bloody Run Parkway.
Grading North of Gilbert Avenue.





McKinley, a Modern Playground.

New Steps Up Mt. Adams, Eden Park.



MT. ECHO PARK

The grading for an entrance into Mt. Echo Park from Elberon avenue was commenced during the summer of 1912, but owing to lack of funds it became necessary to discontinue the work for a time, when about 60 per cent completed. It was found imperative to build a retaining wall about 450 feet in length along Elberon avenue. Work on this wall has been started, and at the close of the year the foundation is 40 per cent complete.

PRICE HILL SLOPE IMPROVEMENT

During the fall of 1912 the slope between the retaining walls along Glenway, Wilder and Warsaw avenues were graded and planted. The citizens of Price Hill collected nearly half the amount necessary for this improvement.

SINTON PARK AND PLAYGROUND

On Sinton playground a shade-roof was completed, beneath which sand boxes and baby swings were placed. The area under the shade-roof was covered by a cement floor, which was extended on either side, under the larger swing frames.

SYCAMORE STREET PLAYGROUND

A shelter house is in process of construction here, and is about 90 per cent completed. The grounds have been graded as far as possible until this building is finished.

A wading pool has been constructed, with a slightly greater depth of water than the other park pools. The water is 19 inches deep on the sides, and 24 inches deep in the middle of this pool.

TAFT FIELD

On this tract, grading was done amounting to 36,660 cubic yards, which made enough level ground for two or more ball fields, also tennis courts, if the latter are found desirable. The Taft Field is a natural amphitheatre with banks of easy slopes on three sides. These banks have been seeded to prevent erosion.

WALNUT HILLS PLAYGROUND

During the summer of 1912 this property was graded.

WARSAW AND WOODLAWN PLAY FIELD

During the fall of 1912, this property was graded and prepared for use as a small play field.

WASHINGTON PARK

The combination music pavilion and comfort station at Washington Park was finished during the early part of the year 1912 and opened to the public. Later, large fountain basins were placed on either side of the pavilion. Concrete seats, and four lamps on ornamental concrete standards, completed the improvements at the center of this park.

The walks were resurfaced with stone and tarvia. The monuments to Generals Hecker and McCook, which formerly stood in the walk between Elm and Race streets, were moved and placed on either side of the walk to Elm street, facing the Memorial Building.

WESTERN AVENUE AND M'LEAN STREET PLAYGROUND

During the year the old buildings on this property were wrecked and removed.

WESTWOOD COMMONS AND WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT

The surface of the Westwood Commons was placed in good condition for ball playing and other athletic sports. At the opening of the season, goal posts were placed for foot ball.

At the Town Hall lot some grading was done and the banks reshaped.

WULSIN TRIANGLE

At Wulsin Triangle the grading was finished, and a walk with concrete steps, crossing the base of the triangle, constructed.

WOODWARD PARK

During the year a considerable amount of grading was done in this park. The entire portion between the end of Windham and Rockdale avenues was resurfaced and seeded or sodded.

A cement walk was constructed from the end of Windham avenue to Rockdale avenue.

CHAS. H. MEEDS, Park Engineer.

REPORT OF PARK FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE

During the year 1912, new forest nurseries were started at Ault Park, Blachly Farm and Mt. Airy Forest, with the object of growing young trees on the property where they were to be eventually permanently planted. Orders have been placed for 150,000 seedlings and transplants for this purpose. In addition to these new nurseries, the old nursery at Covedale is still growing trees and shrubs for general distribution among park properties.

The woods in the various parks have been cleaned up, and a large amount of dead wood corded for sale.

Planting of trees and shrubs has been done at Garfield, Hopkins, Lytle, McKinley, Madison, Washington and Westwood Parks, Wulsin Triangle, Filson Outlook and Burnet avenue and Reading road.

On all streets bordering parks, dead trees have been replaced with live ones. Tree surgery has been in operation in all the parks.

Observatory road, between Madison and Menlo, has been widened and planted, thus affording an initial example of street parking in the city of Cincinnati.

All plants used in summer bedding throughout the parks and in the beds of many of the city institutions are raised in the park greenhouses at Eden Park. These houses are always open to the public. The chrysanthemum show of 1912, the best ever held here, was visited by many thousands of people.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLAYGROUNDS

The playgrounds were officially opened on May 15 and closed on October 15.

The year's attendance at the several playgrounds was, as follows:

Inwood Park	155,171
Sinton Park	125,155
McKinley Park	100,365
Lytle Park	77,795
Filson Outlook	63,318
Hanna Park	61,293
Lincoln Park	49,180
Pearl Street Playground.....	23,601
Woodward Park	17,253
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Total	673,131
Last year's attendance was.....	435,329
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Showing increase of.....	237,802

NEW PLAYGROUNDS, 1912

This increase is partly accounted for by the addition of three new playgrounds, namely: McKinley Park, Filson Outlook, Lincoln Park.

MOTHERS' CLUBS

More public interest is shown in the playgrounds as is evidenced by the number of mothers' clubs formed in neighborhoods to assist the playground directors in their work.

LAWN FETES

Lawn fetes were instituted and held in conjunction with several of the Fleischmann concerts. They were largely attended and served to stimulate interest in parks and playgrounds.

The money collected at these children's entertainments was expended in furniture and fittings for the playground houses. In one instance, that of McKinley Playground, the money exceeded these needs, and the balance was expended by the mothers and children in a field day at Ault Park. Three hundred children were transported from the playground to the park, and back by special cars. The day was fine, and the experiment proved satisfactory.

JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

The Safe and Sane Fourth of July Celebration on the playgrounds afforded ample opportunity for the expression of patriotism without the usual attendant dangers. The attendance was large, the program attractive, and the celebration was a success.



Photo by G. Hoffmann
College Hill, O.

Where the children played before
the playground era.

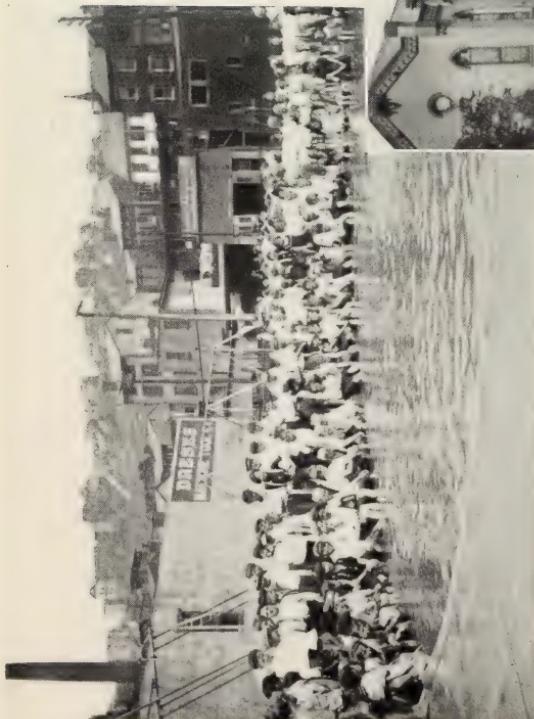
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Hanna



THE PLAYGROUND ERA.

PLAY PROGRAM

A program for play was adopted at the beginning of the season and closely followed. A schedule of eight games of playground base ball was arranged between several of the grounds, creating a new interest. Judging from experience gained from these games, it is evident that the small boy requires the presence of a supervisor to correct and direct his play, as well as his morals.

BEHAVIOR

Discipline on the playgrounds was good, work and play conducted with spirit and enthusiasm.

NEEDS DEVELOPED

It is yearly more evident that there is a great need for playgrounds for boys and girls over 14 years of age. Our playgrounds are limited to children under 14. Those over this age, who have been trained to playgrounds, have no place for recreation and amusement until they reach ages appropriate to the athletic field. Could this gap be filled, it would relieve the playgrounds of disorderly conduct sometimes surrounding them, by affording an opportunity for the outlet of enthusiasm and energy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The director would recommend the planning of a playground including a small children's playground; one for larger boys and girls; the locating of apparatus for each, with the best possible surface, drainage, walks, ball diamond, tennis court, swimming and wading pools, with a shelter house centrally located, providing space for dressing, shelter and reading rooms, well lighted and ventilated. With a definite plan, as outlined, and each year a portion worked out, the highest type of playground would eventually be realized.

More apparatus, shade and baby swings are needed; cement walks from pools to dressing rooms; better surfaced grounds; some system to keep the floors of the dressing room dry and an increase in the depth of wading pools. These recommendations apply to Inwood, Sinton, McKinley, Filson, Lincoln, Lytle, Hanna, Pearl Street and Woodward Playgrounds.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

On the athletic fields, the establishment of a quarter-mile track, a jumping pit, a grand stand and a shelter house, with dressing rooms, is recommended.

SPRING MEETING

A playground conference should be held during the first two weeks of May, for all applicants wishing to serve as playground directors. At this meeting assignments should be made and plans for the coming season adopted.

N. C. SEUSS, Director of Playgrounds.

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**COMMISSIONERS**

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 Irwin M. Krohn, Vice-President
 D. B. Meacham, Auditor
 Geo. E. Kessler, Landscape Architect

SECRETARY

Representative of Board at all times and in charge of the office. Follows up all directions to the Engineer and departments by calling for reports.

OFFICERS

Wm. Hodgkinson, Secretary
 C. H. Meeds, Engineer

ENGINEER

Active charge of all properties and all work relating to properties.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS

Young men able to handle working force, in charge of maintenance and construction

ENGINEERING DRAUGHTSMEN

Capable of handling any computation in engineering plans

ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMAN

Designing of buildings and architectural accessories.

LANDSCAPE GARDENER and HORTICULTURALIST ASSISTANTS
 Number of young men properly educated and drilled.

INSPECTORS

Young engineers (understudies), gradually taking care of any element of park work, except plantation and gardening—inspectors of buildings.

SURVEY PARTIES FROM FIELD

Rainy weather, drafting and computations.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT
 CITY OF CINCINNATI, O.
 December 31, 1912

PARK COMMISSIONERS

UNDER THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

YEARS 1906, 1907, 1908

L. A. Ault	President
Max Senior	Vice-President
Henry Rattermann	Secretary
Wm. Salway	Wm. B. Poland

UNDER THE PARK ACT OF MAY 19, 1907

YEAR 1909

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1911
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1910
Julius Fleischmann	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1909

YEAR 1910

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1911
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1910
Julius Fleischmann *	Reappointed. Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912
George Puchta	Appointed June 23 to fill unexpired term

YEAR 1911

L. A. Ault, Pres. ...Reappointed Dec. 10, 1911.	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Wm. Gilbert, V.-Pres. Re'point Dec. 10, 1910.	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1913
George Puchta	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912

YEAR 1912

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President †.....	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1913
George Puchta ‡	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912
Irwin M. Krohn	Appointed May 17 to fill unexpired term
D. B. Meacham	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915

YEAR 1913

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Irwin M. Krohn, Vice-President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1913
D. B. Meacham	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915

* Resigned June 23, 1910. † Resigned May 9, 1912. ‡ Resigned December 12, 1912.

CONCERTS GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1912
By Board of Park Commissioners

PARKS	Under		
	Groesbeck Endowment Fund. Saturdays, Weekly, 3:30 pm, June 15 to Sept. 1.	Schmidlapp Fund. Sundays, Weekly, 3:30 pm, May 19 to Sept 15	Fleischmann Fund. Evenings, 7:30, June 11 to Sept. 24
Burnet Woods	12		
Eden Park		18	
Hanna Park			1
Inwood Park			4
Lincoln Park			4
Lytle Park			2
McKinley Park			4
McMicken and Walnut.....			1
Sinton Park			4
Washington Park			4
Total Concerts	54	12	18
			24

FREE MOVING PICTURE SHOWS

Given During the Year 1912 by Board of Park Commissioners

PARKS	Sunday Evenings, Weekly, 7:30, June 16 to Nov. 3	Saturday Evenings, Weekly, 7:30, Sept. 21, to Nov. 2	
Lytle Park		21	
McMicken and Walnut.....			7
Total Shows	28	21	7

The Wading Pool.



The Playground.



Subsequent to 1908.



The Playground.



The Wading Pool.

Prior to 1908.

GIFTS.

DONATION OF MONEYS RECEIVED DURING YEAR 1912

Schmidlapp Fund (concerts paid for by Trustees), 18 concerts at Eden Park.	
Groesbeck Endowment Fund, for 12 concerts at Burnet Woods	\$1,944 00
Fleischmann Fund, for 24 concerts at downtown parks....	2,616 00
Evanston Welfare Association, for installing drinking fountain at Evanston Ballground.....	100 00
Lucien Wulsin, for flowers at Wulsin Triangle.....	75 00
Citizens of Price Hill, for improvement of Price Hill Slope adjoining inclined plane.....	400 00
Total	\$5,135 00

DONATIONS OF PROPERTIES DURING THE YEAR 1912

	Acreage
Alexander Street Property, between Mulberry and Fountain Streets. Given by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church.....	.306
Bloody Run Parkway, from Lincoln Avenue to a point on Reading Road, north of Sherman Avenue:	
Given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg	22.33
Given by Mrs. Frank H. Simpson.....	2.625
Given by Mr. James J. Hooker.....	1.628
Given by Mrs. Francis S. Rowe.....	.304
Cliff Street property, between Vine Street and Ohio Avenue. Given by Mr. John Weld Peck.....	.527
Schuetzenbuckel Park, Fairmount. Given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Dieterle	19.
	46.720

PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH ANNEXATION DURING THE YEAR 1912

Fern Bank	35.25
Madisonville .....	.70
Sayler Park .....	.492
	36.442

PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH TRANSFER BY ACT OF COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR 1912

Blue Rock Street Oval, between Apple and Turrill Streets....	.22
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TREES

PARKS	Planted		Dead Removed		Mulched		Pruned		Diseased Treated		Seedlings Collected and Planted		Seeds Collected		Air Water Chambers		Burlap Removed		Boxed		Transplanted	
Ault Park	50	*47,000	905	224	47,000	+2,000																
Burnet Woods	208	30	794	196		2,680	+4,584															
Blachly Farm																						
Burnet Ave. and Reading Rd.	84		134	84																		
Blue Rock Street Oval	16																					
Deer Creek Common	98		128	98																		
Dempsey Park	68																					
East End Ballgrounds	38	5																				
Eden Park	75		200	480																		
Filson Outlook	244																					
Garfield Park	10	3		10																		
Hopkins Park	5	3	8																			
Hulbert Playground	41																					
Inwood Park	146	50	300	150																		
Kirby Tract		20																				
Lincoln Park	113		180	80																		
Lytle Park	42																					
Madison Park	117		117	42																		
McKinley Park	2																					
Owls Nest Park	48	10	70																			
Pearl Street Playground	11																					
Price Hill Slope Improvement	88																					
Sinton Park	15		30																			
Taft Field	155	60																				
Washington Park	89	10	89	178																		
Westwood Common	76		76																			
Wulsin Triangle	97		50														6					
Totals.....	1,886	241	48,448	2,837	420	49,680	+6,584										6	95	41	65		

* Seedlings. † Feet.

SHRUBS

PARKS	Planted		Pruned		Mulched		Cuttings		Destroyed		Hardy Plants Planted		Aquatics Planted	
Ault Park	5,000							8,000						
Blachly Farm	4,500													
Burnet Ave. and Reading Rd.	2,360	2,360	2,360											
Blue Rock Oval	138	138												
Dempsey Park	54	54												
Eden Park	4,445	5,600	4,445											
Filson Park	517	517												
Hopkins Park	546	446	546											
Inwood Park	743	850	1,000											
Lincoln Park								500						
Lytle Park								300						
Owls Nest Park								600						
Price Hill Slope Improvement	775													
Sinton Park								300						
Washington Park	379	450	1,000											
Westwood Common	245	245												
Westwood Town Hall lot	394	394	394											
Woodward Park	80													
Totals.....	20,176	11,054	11,445	8,000					506		3,000			175

TREE SEEDLINGS ORDERED FOR SPRING, 1913

Northeastern Forestry Co., New Haven, Conn.:

White pine	2 years..	15,000
Norway pine	2 " ..	5,000
Scotch pine	2 " ..	15,000
Ponderosa pine	2 " ..	5,000
European larch	2 " ..	15,000
Colorado Spruce (Douglas).....	3 " ..	5,000
Swiss mountain pine.....	3 " ..	1,000
		61,000

Forest Nursery and Seed Co., McMinnville, Tenn.:

Tulip poplar.....	6 to 12 inches..	25,000
Cucumber	6 " 12 "	5,000
Sweet gum	6 " 12 "	2,000
River birch	6 " 12 "	1,000
American sycamore	6 " 12 "	1,000
Red cedar	6 " 12 "	1,000
		35,000

D. Hill Nursery Co., Dundee, Ill.:

Red oak	2 years..	15,000
Concolor fir	2 " ..	1,000
Austrian pine	2 " ..	15,000
		31,000

Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio:

White ash	1 year ..	2,500
Butternut	1 " ..	300
American beech	1 " ..	300
Chestnut	1 " ..	300
Catalpa	1 " ..	300
Black locust	1 " ..	300
Bald cypress	1 " ..	1,000
		5,000

Total number of seedlings..... 132,000

TRANSPLANTS ORDERED FOR SPRING, 1913

Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio:

White pine	4 years..	5,000
Red pine	4 " ..	1,000
European larch	4 " ..	500
European linden	3 " ..	500
Arborvitae	5 " ..	100
Japanese larch	4 " ..	250
Scotch pine	4 " ..	300
Chestnut	3 " ..	300
Norway poplar	3 " ..	300
American linden	3 " ..	300
Bald cypress	4 " ..	600
Oriental sycamore	4 " ..	300
Ponderosa pine	4 " ..	300
Tulip poplar	3 " ..	300

Total number of transplants..... 10,050

Together with our own transplants, our stock will exceed 250,000 young trees.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING YEAR 1912

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Alexander Street (given by Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church).....	.....	.306
Bloody Run Parkway:		
Given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg.....	.....	22.33
Given by Mrs. Frank H. Simpson.....	.....	2.625
Given by Mr. Jas. J. Hooker.....	.....	1.628
Given by Mrs. Fannie S. Rowe.....	.....	.304
Purchased	63,213 68	28.258
Blue Rock Street Oval (transfer authorized by act of Council).....	.....	.22
Burnet Woods (addition to).....	12,510 23	.987
Burnet Ave. and Reading Rd (addition to).....	4,480 82	.271
Cliff Street (given by John Weld Peck).		
Paid for taxes.....	10 42	.527
Deer Creek Common (addition to).....	8,376 19	.103
Fern Bank (acquired by annexation).....	.....	35.250
Kirby Tract (addition to).....	11,845 30	183.18
Kittredge Farm (leased, with privilege to purchase). Taxes paid.....	170 50	95.
Madison Park (addition to).....	9,295 00	1.576
Madisonville (acquired by annexation).....	.....	.70
Mohawk Playground (addition to).....	5,761 35	.120
Mt. Echo Park (addition to).....	13,487 62	4.264
North Fairmount Playground.....	6,548 04	.320
Sayler Park (acquired by annexation, additional) .....	.....	.492
Sayler Park (purchased).....	1,620 00	5.60
Schuetzenbuckel Park (given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Dieterle). Taxes paid.....	300 48	19.
Taft Field, Camp Washington (addition to).....	517 90	.154
Turkey Ridge (addition to).....	26,977 60	5.578
Vine and Hollister Park (addition to).....	2,755 40	.968
Walnut Hills Playground (addition to)....	617 07	.133
Western and McLean Playground (addition to).....	6,461 99	.233
Wulsin Park (addition to).....	1,171 95	.092
Total cost and acreage of property acquired during year 1912.....	\$176,121 54	410.219
Total cost of all park property December 31, 1912, \$4,604,541.39; total acreage, 1,693.114 acres.		

Children of "Shanty Town" in 1912.





Apparatus at
Hanna
Playground.



McKinley Playground Picnicking at Ault Park.

SUMMARIZED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES**To December 31, 1912**

	Area in Acres	Cost of Land	Cost of Improve- ment	Total Cost
Park land owned by the city } December 31, 1903.....	395.35	2,584,833 49	.....	2,584,833 49
Added during 1904.....	10.36	64,700 24	.....	64,700 24
" " 1905.....	31.865	636,281 89	33,707 42	669,989 31
" " 1906.....	19.492	105,212 14	8,670 14	113,882 28
" " 1907.....	12.20	103,333 02	13,506 58	116,839 60
" " 1908.....	16.146	256,372 12	84,784 47	341,155 59
" " 1909.....	72.872	86,651 60	128,997 87	215,649 47
" " 1910.....	9.739	45,987 06	85,473 39	131,460.45
" " 1911.....	715.371	544,967 39	100,612 03	645,579 42
" " 1912.....	412.812	176,202 44	192,480 50	368,682 94
Total.....	1,696.207	\$4,604,541 39	\$648,232 40	\$5,252,773 79

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI
To December 31, 1912

NAME AND LOCATION	Acre-age	Final Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1912	REMARKS
						Year
Alexander Street Between Dorsey and Goethe Streets.	.306	1912	.....	.....	.....	{ Donation from Freedmen's Aid Society of Methodist Episcopal Church.
Auburn Place Mt. Auburn.	.80	1905	\$21,640 17	\$4,882 60	\$447 17	
Ault Park Mt. Lookout, Linwood Heights.	143.982	1911	.....	1,691 87	3,682 17	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault.
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle Clifton.	.14	1911	3,516 25	16 00	.....
Blachly Farm Reading and Paddack Roads.	114.	1911	82,928 36	529 74	746 19	{ Donations: Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg, 24.430 acres; Mrs. F. H. Simpson, 2.625 acres; Mr. James J. Hooker, 1.628 acres; Mrs. Fannie S. Bowe, .304 acres, Total donated, 28.987 acres. Purchased, 28.258 acres.
Bloody Run Parkway Walnut Hills and Avondale.	57.245	1912	63,323 68	7,315 80	69 98	
Blue Rock Street Oval Between Cherry and Tarrill Streets.	.22	1912	.....	675 92	.....	Transferred by act of Council.
Burnet Woods Calhoun St. and Ludlow Ave. Extensions.	169.937	1881	925,408 63	78,863 13	13,745 98	{ Land leased from 1872 to 1881; purchased in 1881.
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Cliff Street Between Vine Street and Ohio Avenue.	7.431	1910	67,021 79	15,080 66	942 25	
College Hill Park Surrounding Town Hall.	.527	1912	* 10 42	.....	.....	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. John Weld Peck.
Deer Creek Common (A. F.) Hunt Street.	4.75	1911	.....	.....	147 00	Acquired by annexation.
Dempsey Park Warsaw and Price Avenues.	13.133	1905	263,251 42	42,555 32	878 55	
East End Park (A. F.) Eastern Avenue and Torrence Road.	10.	1907	17,393 62	22,357 20	814 68	
Eden Park and Gilbert Avenue Extension.....	7.50	1904	36,555 42	2,211 54	530 05	
	214.45	1908	1,712,252 71	198,231 09	31,994 39	{ Part of land leased from 1865 to 1908. Land purchased from 1859 to 1908.

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PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1912—Continued

NAME AND LOCATION	Acre-age	Final Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1912	REMARKS
Mayfield and Carson Streets Price Hill.	2.053	1910	...	...	...	Transferred by act of Council.
McFarlan Woods and Eckert Tract Westwood.	121.45	1911	13,320 11	...	...
McKinley Park (P. G.) John and Wade Streets.	1.21	1905	50,694 39	20,761 16	2,395 64	
McMicken Avenue and Walnut Street (P. G.) Mitchell Triangle Reading Road and Rose Hill Avenue.	.65 .20	1911 1911	45,050 39	3,070 24 9.00	211 18	Donation of Mr. Albert D. Mitchell..
Mohawk Playground Central Avenue, west of Mohawk Bridge.	.641	1911	22,859 45	204 68	16 75	
Mt. Echo Park (A. F.) Elberon Avenue.	50.850	1908	74,640 46	13,003 77	2,533 24	
Mt. Storm Park Lafayette and Lindlow Avenues.	66.85	1911	117,310 45	500 66	1,937 57	
North Fairmount Playground Carill Street.	.320	1912	6,548 04	...	...
Nursery Creek Pike and Anderson Ferry Rd.	23.29	1909	...	4,527 12	5,269 04	{ Leased from D. R. Herrick, et al., for ten years from Apr. 9, 1908. Rental, \$40 per year.
Owls' Nest Park Madison Road.	5.80	1905	+ 550 88	2,570 09	1,178 16	Donation of Messrs. C. E. and E. C. Perkins.
Parker Woods and Thompson Tract Bruce Avenue, Northside.	31.50	1911	46,940 50	...	4 00	
Pearl Street Playground Pearl Street, between Elm and Plum Sts.	.44	1910	...	3,417 22	802 42	Transferred by act of Council.
Price Hill Slope Warsaw, Glenway and Wilder Avenues.	.....	1912	...	736 51	...	{ Donations of \$400 by citizens of Price Hill for improvements. Loaned to city. Improved and maintained by Park Department.
Rochelle and Falk Streets Triangle Sayler Park (Parks) :	.072	1910	...	724 00	4 00	Transferred by act of Council.
Nelson Sayler Park..... Lee Park..... McQuahey Park.....	12.092 " 372 " 372	1911	1,620 00	...	516 63	{ Donation of Mr. Milton Sayler, 2.85 acres; purchased by annexation, \$642 acres; purchased in addition, 5.60 acres.

Schuetzenbuckel Park	19.	1912	*	300 48	148 38	24 63	{	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. George F. Dieterle.
Fairmount.	2,33	1908		255,865 47	59,650 19	6,565 65		
Sinton Park (P. G.)								
Barr, Cutler, Kenyon and Mound Streets.	.45	1911	64,740 51	6,039 24	60 00	29 67	{	Donation from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft of 8.50 acres. Purchased in addition 5.024 acres.
Sycamore Street Playground								
Opposite Woodward High School.	13,524	1911	4,666 06	10,890 48				Transferred by act of Council.
Taft Field (A. F.)								Donation from Mr. Wm. Worthington of .47 acres. Purchased in addition 5.578 acres.
Bates Avenue, Camp Washington.	1.50	1911						
Third and Collard Streets								
Turkey Ridge	6,048	1912	26,994 40			16 50		
South of Eastern Avenue, between Delta and Stanley Avenues, from Humbert Street to the river, between Strader and Congress Streets.	3,755	1904	18,799 42	6,167 71	843 09			
Vine and Hollister Park								
Vine and Hollister Streets.	1,216	1911	10,705 57	179 32	14 39			
Walnut Hills Playground								
Ashland Avenue and Chapel Street.	1,157	1910						Transferred by act of Council.
Warsaw and Woodlawn Avenues (P. G.)								
Price Hill.	5,60	1833	138,050 00	17,887 58	5,487 33			
Washington Park								
Race, Twelfth and Elm Streets.	.360	1911	10,435 11	182 65				
Western and McLean Avenues (P. G.)								
Westwood Common (A. F.)	21.27	1911	16,015 00	10,791 53	1,375 01			
Fisher Place.	.75	1911						
Westwood Town Hall Lot								
Grounds around Town Hall.	8,395	1906	† 174 55	40 87	467 92			Acquired by annexation.
Wilson Common								
East of Grand Avenue, Price Hill	11,269	1908	3,015 00	24,777 67	1,911 52			Donation of Mrs. Mehitable C. Wilson.
Woodward Park (P. G.)								Donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Noyes, 10.70 acres. Purchased in addition .569 acres.
Foot of Rockdale Avenue, Avondale.	1.168	1910	15,581 18	3,612 28	778 28			Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Wulkin, .35 acres. Purchased in addition .218 acres.
Wulsin Triangle								
Madison and Observatory Roads.								
Totals	1,693,114			\$4,604,541 39	\$734,923 90	\$106,413 76		

NOTE.—(P. G.) Playground. (A. F.) Athletic Field.
* Taxes. † Taxes and recording of deed.

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF CINCINNATI

1913

PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Annual Report of the
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With Compliments
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Cincinnati, Ohio



For the Year of 1913

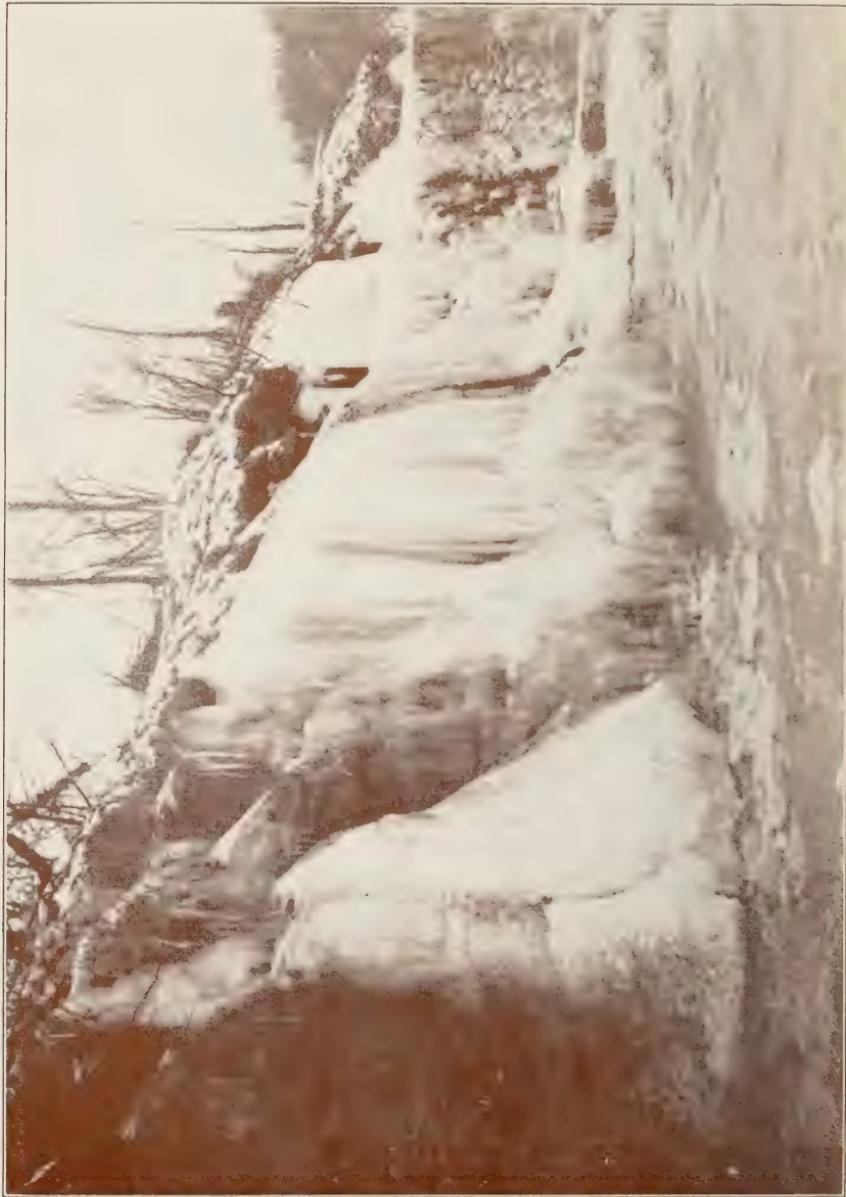
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For the Year of 1913

FROZEN FALLS, MT. AIRY FOREST



Board of Park Commissioners, City of Cincinnati

Report for 1913

To the Honorable Henry T. Hunt, Mayor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR—The Board of Park Commissioners has the honor to submit herewith, its annual report for the year 1913.

The several reports of our officers included in this, show, in detail, the operations of the Department in Finances, Construction and Maintenance. The map accompanying clearly indicates the progress made subsequent to the preparation of the general plans for the park development of Cincinnati.

We particularly desire to call attention to the acquisitions of lands for parks and parkways, and to recommend further immediate progress in the development of these plans.

Cincinnati possessed in 1907, 469 acres park lands—no parkways—no boulevards. Today the city owns, improved and otherwise, 1,918 acres of park lands, 84 acres of parkway, and no boulevards. The Board's policy—consistently followed out—has been to acquire as far as possible, with the limited means supplied, the properties which would otherwise be absorbed in private use and become impossible to obtain—no matter how greatly needed—as permanent open pleasure grounds. In pursuance of this determination there have been acquired the properties listed in this report, and we earnestly recommend that all of the remaining properties shown in this general plan be secured at the earliest possible time. Consistent with the feeling that acquisition first should be had, improvements on these properties have not been undertaken to any great extent. However, the playgrounds purchased in the heart of the city have been rapidly improved and made available to the population contiguous to them. At present considerable expenditures are being made for further useful improvements on a number of these playgrounds in the form of shelter and convenience buildings, apparatus for outdoor athletics, and a general development of permanent service.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

L. A. AULT.

IRWIN M. KROHN.

D. B. MEACHAM.

Attest:

W.M. HODGKINSON, *Secretary.*

Board of Park Commissioners, City of Cincinnati

Landscape Architect's Report

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN—In submitting to you this report of the operations of the Department, permit me to recall the several stages of the work since the development of your General Plan.

In 1907, the Special Board of Park Commissioners was authorized to develop a comprehensive plan for a general park system for Cincinnati, and in that endeavored to embrace all the elements essential to the welfare of the people of the city, with respect to their outdoor recreation and the external improvement of the city as a whole.

The plans, as developed, endeavor to provide for, primarily, the recreation out-of-doors in form of playgrounds for young children; for the athletic and general recreation for young people; the local parks, and the greater park areas. It seemed to become essential with the establishment of such properties, to unite by means of pleasant highways, the larger parks with each other, and connecting these with the residential districts of the city, and at the same time with business areas, providing thereby for a boulevard and parkway system. Justification for the very considerable expenditures necessary to accomplish these projected improvements becomes more and more pronounced, as the needed properties under this general plan have been, at least in part, acquired and slowly improved. The prompt response in the enjoyment of these properties by the public has in each instance warranted the effort and expenditure, and is constantly proving the very great need of prompt improvements of this character throughout the city.

The Board's early attention to the very serious lack of Children's Playgrounds brought about the acquisition and rational improvement of a large number of small purely local playgrounds for small children—these in addition to the several properties acquired by the city just prior to the development of the General Park Plan.

The very great use which the children of the several neighborhoods have made of these playgrounds, has served to emphasize the requirements of the city in this class of development, and illustrated the very sad neglect heretofore in providing for safe



BLOODY RUN PARKWAY, SECTION 2. FIRST ROAD BUILT

St. Francis de Sales Church in the distance

BLOODY RUN PARKWAY, SECTION 1
Grading looking north



places throughout the city—especially in congested sections—for children's play, and safeguarding the little ones from the dangers of the streets. Naturally, the public's appreciation of even the properties so far established has materially aided in the development for a demand for general park acquisition and improvement. These properties, however, have supplied the opportunity for play and the education of the young children and an understanding of how to play. Their use has illustrated that this particular element of the general park development is, after all, a distinctly educational one, and the practical use of these properties would be far more valuable could they be made a purely educational work created and managed entirely by the Department of Education, inasmuch as playgrounds—distinctly children's playgrounds—should be in close touch with the local schools and would therefore better and more directly serve the children of the school neighborhood. The next older children of the ages above 12 or 13 years require larger properties—more room for action—and less distinctly the close personal supervision. This character of recreation is supplied within the area of the larger parks, and in many instances, in distinctively athletic fields. Properties of the size, and located for convenient service, were provided in the general plan, and a considerable effort made toward their improvement. Many athletic fields should be provided in the larger parks, yet those of intermediate area can as well be given the character of local parks with their trees and lawns, which cannot be done on the small children's playgrounds. In the larger parks, embracing at least in part, the atmosphere of the country, giving quiet restfulness and recreation, Cincinnati is particularly fortunate in the possibility of combining the comfort and pleasure of quiet recreation, with a beauty really unequalled in the magnificent scenery embraced within the properties sought to be, and in part, acquired.

The further very great advantage in these properties, most of them situated on dominant elevations, is the incorporation of the entire range of view far beyond the boundaries of these properties, as a part of the picture produced through the acquisition of the larger parks permanently secured to the public, the viewpoints characteristic of Cincinnati's wonderfully beautiful surroundings. In order to make pleasantly accessible to the community as a whole—regardless of place of residence—each of these greater properties, and many of the smaller ones, there was also recommended in the general plans a series of boule-

wards and parkways; a boulevard with wider, better streets, lined with residential properties. The parkways were planned to occupy the rugged valleys leading in the directions necessary to unite the several properties and the residential districts of the city, and by means of these wider spaces in most of these valleys producing locally, and all along the lines, local playgrounds and restful parks, but principally intended to serve as a highway for the local pedestrian travel and the through pleasure travel for the whole city. Basing the expectation of good results from all these improvements upon experiences had in many other American cities, it is known that the most direct particular returns would accrue to the city through the great increases in private property values by reason of the establishment of these boulevards and parkways, creating through these a very considerable appreciation of land values, and, in turn, a material increase in the tax duplicate, which would necessarily aid very greatly toward the paying for the other sections of this whole system through these general improvements as a whole, creating values that will practically pay the entire cost of this character of improvements in the whole of Cincinnati.

A single, yet particularly valuable improvement, planned for at the time, was a boulevard to become the principal artery for the entire city, and reaching into the heart of the business district, and along the line of the canal, reaching out from this right-of-way, as a boulevard, every district in the city, and tying the entire system to the heart of the business center.

Since the development of the original plan in 1907, by the Special Board of Park Commissioners, the successor to that board—your present Board of Park Commissioners—has under this general plan accomplished a very considerable improvement, and has, unquestionably, proven not only a very great need of this improvement but demonstrated, particularly, how very far behind the needs of the city this improvement has lagged.

The partial accomplishment of the general plan, even in this comparatively short time, has clearly demonstrated the need of an active body distinct from the general departments of the municipality, until these improvements have been brought up comparatively to the needs of the city, and has shown the necessity for a continuance of such an organization until its work is accomplished. During these few years, the city has acquired—and to some extent improved and made useful to the community—a greater area for out-door recreation than had been



BLOODY RUN PARKWAY, SECTION 6
A sewer end before improvement, 1913



MT. ECHO PARK
Concrete foundation, retaining wall for new entrance, October, 1913

accomplished in all the history of the city, prior to the establishment of the present park organization, and each further development has produced a demand for a more rapid acquisition and improvement in the very many residential districts of the city even now not yet provided for.

In an attempt to accomplish the general development, your Board evidently felt that the prime requisite was first in the children's needs for local playgrounds. Again the rapid expansion of the city had shown that properties, which from their location and topographical situation were valuable for attractive park area, were rapidly becoming absorbed for building purposes, thereby creating values which would in a very few years make impossible all acquisitions, without the expenditure of enormous and prohibitive sums, of the lands so necessary for public use, and to preserve for the people of the present—as well as of the future—the characteristically beautiful parks. Your Board proceeded on these grounds, and most wisely, to acquire at least some of the properties originally planned for. While the city has not responded and provided immediate means for rapid improvement of these properties, yet the most important of these have, at least, been secured, and may be gradually improved for a greater usefulness.

In every large city the out-door recreation and the opportunity it gives for healthful enjoyment, the System, as a whole, becomes incomplete, unless one or more great outlying properties are acquired. These properties should be large enough to receive a very large portion of the population at any one time without overcrowding and really bring the country within easy reach of the great urban population. This can only be done through the acquisition of large areas of ground. In American cities this is usually accomplished at a very great expense. In European cities the contiguous forest areas have become the great outlying parks, and all have been tremendously useful for the real enjoyment of the country.

In Cincinnati, the gradual acquisition of the properties—now known as Mt. Airy Forest—would supply to the northern, or north-western sections of the city, one of the finest of forests as a park, that could be established about any city in the country. The very happy condition which has held this property practically inaccessible for private development, has made it possible to acquire a large area at normal cost, that in a very few years would have been entirely out of reach of the purchasing

power of this city. In the forest growth, covering in particular its extremely rugged hillsides, there already exists a charm of the remote forests. Through a further development of these properties, distinctly as forests, Cincinnati will acquire an exceptionally fine outlying park, which already emphasizes—and will far more so in future—the good judgment which brought about the purchase of these lands.

On the parkways,(an important portion of the connecting parkway between Eden Park and the new park on the Blachly Farm,)the Board has acquired the greater portion of the lands necessary in Bloody Run to connect the Blachly Farm property at Reading Road, and thence southward through the valley of Bloody Run to Gilbert Avenue, and thence south and easterly at present to Durrell Avenue and Chapel Street, expecting to proceed to acquire the ground needed to complete this improvement as a boulevard from Chapel Street south and westerly to the northern border of Eden Park. With this accomplished there will have been created a new and fine highway directly connecting two great parks, passing through one of the great residential districts of the city, and receiving through the many streets which intersect these improvements, all pleasure travel seeking shorter communication between the south and the east, and between the east and north residential portions of the city.

In the matter of boulevard development, a very small beginning has been made on Observatory Road from Madison Road eastward. At this point the late Lucien Wulsin presented to the city a valuable triangle of land for a small park at the junction of these two streets, and made possible, together with the Country Club, the widening of sidewalk spaces and therefore the beginning of a parking of Observatory Road, which should lead to the completion of a boulevard widened and made handsome from Observatory Road to Madison Road directly into Ault Park on the east.

While the preceding statement is purely a general one, permit me to recall in the following list the properties actually acquired, and in part improved, since the development of the general plan in 1907. It will certainly be well worth while for the citizens of Cincinnati to understand the very great work being done for their comfort in the development of these improvements. The direct value of all this, of course, can only be brought home to the individual in each section when the properties are not only acquired, but rationally improved.

The following list of properties tells the story of acquisitions:

	ACREAGE
Alexander Street	.306
Ault Park	171.672
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle	.14
Blachly Farm	114.
Bloody Run Parkway	84.162
Blue Rock Street Oval	.22
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road	7.431
Cliff Street	.527
College Hill Park	4.75
Evanston Athletic Field	5.25
Fernbank Parks	37.
Filson Outlook	1.996
Hanna Playground	1.
Hulbert Playground	.596
Hyde Park Fountain	.25
Mt. Airy Forest	794.44
Lick Run Ballgrounds	4.25
Linwood Park	.25
Madisonville Parks	.70
Mayfield and Carson Streets	2.053
McMicken and Walnut Streets Playground	.65
Mitchell Triangle	.20
Mohawk Playground	.641
Mt. Echo Park	50.85
Mt. Storm Park	66.85
North Fairmount Playground	.448
Nursery	23.29
Osterbrock Property (Garfield Playground)	2.23
Parker Woods	31.50
Pearl Street Playground	.44
Pleasant Ridge	8.63
Riverside Park	7.32
Rochelle and Falke Triangle	.072
Sayler Park	18.712
Schuetzenbuckel Park	19.
Sinton Park	2.33
Sycamore Street Playground	.45
Taft Field	13.524
Third and Collard Streets	1.50
Turkey Ridge	7.099
Walnut Hills Playground	1.216
Warsaw and Woodlawn Avenues	1.157
Western and McLean Triangle	.475
Westwood Common	21.27
Westwood Town Hall Lot	.75
Woodward Park	11.269
Wulsin Triangle	1.168
Total Acreage	1,524.034

In each of these holdings certain improvements have been made and all of them have become useful parks in several sections. There can be no real value, however, to any partial development of this system until the community has finally supplied the means for a more rapid improvement of ground surface in all these properties, and thereby giving all the citizens an opportunity for their enjoyment.

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. E. KESSLER,

Landscape Architect.





A FEW TREES. PARK NURSERY



SEEDLING TULIP TREES. - AULT PARK

Board of Park Commissioners, City of Cincinnati

Engineer's Report

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—With this, permit me to submit a report of the conditions of the properties and the improvements therein for the year 1913. As a matter of course, all improved properties have been maintained in a useful condition through the year. No unusual maintenance expenditures were essential. In the following properties, improvements have been made, and these improvements are herewith briefly described. In several of these, improvements have been planned, and are being provided for at the present time, but not yet begun.

AULT PARK

In Ault Park, the residence building—known as the Monroe House—was thoroughly cleaned and put in order for a shelter house, and water supply and lavatories placed therein. On the grounds, only a very small bit of work in cleaning was done, and the removal of a few indifferent trees and bushes made useful a very large surface of the high ground surrounding the Monroe, Williams and Heekin places, and this during the past year has been used very extensively by almost daily picnic parties. The old Heekin residence was wrecked and its materials saved for the use of the department. A small portion of the open ground was used for a small nursery growth of trees for that section of the department's properties. A possible entrance way over the paved surface on Principio Avenue, from Herschell Avenue to Park Avenue, is just begun by the City Service Department, insuring for the next year a paved roadway to the park.

BISHOP AND JEFFERSON TRIANGLE

On this little triangle the Service Department of the city has corrected the curb and sidewalk lines, and blunted the point of the triangle, making necessary the reshaping of ground surface within the triangle. The planting of trees and shrubs, and sowing of grass seed on this surface was done just before winter.

BLACHLY FARM

On the Blachly Farm no new work has been accomplished, except that a small portion of its open ground is being used as a nursery for trees and shrubs for the department's services. The property is being cared for, however, and is being only slightly used by the public at this time.

BLOODY RUN PARKWAY

For the purpose of readily identifying certain sections of Bloody Run Parkway this has been subdivided on our maps in the numbered sections, as follows:

- Section 1. From Chapel Street and Durrell Avenue to Gilbert Avenue.
- Section 2. From Gilbert Avenue to Rockdale Avenue.
- Section 3. From Rockdale Avenue to Dana Avenue.
- Section 4. From Dana Avenue to Woodburn Avenue.
- Section 5. From Woodburn Avenue to Asmann Avenue (formerly Hopkins).
- Section 6. From Asmann Avenue to Sherman Avenue and Reading Road.

From Asmann Avenue southward to Dana Avenue, on Sections 5 and 4, grading work is being done in preparation for the building of a westerly road between Asmann and Woodburn Avenues, and on Section 4, between Woodburn and Dana Avenues on the easterly side part way. On Section 2, one roadway of park property has been completed, well paved asphaltum bound macadam, between Rockdale Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. This road is already very considerably used for pleasure driving, and is a means of communication between the easterly and northerly parts of the city. The grading work is being pushed from Gilbert Avenue south to Chapel Street on Durrell Avenue. From Gilbert Avenue south to the Lutheran Cemetery this grading work is in preparation for the construction of the westerly roadway, tying into a single road on Durrell Avenue, and Durrell Avenue is a 100 foot boulevard to Chapel Street at present. A very material correction of lines at the intersection of Gilbert Avenue with the Bloody Run Parkway has been provided for with the co-operation of the Service Department of the city. The crossing of Gilbert Avenue will be materially widened; the curve-lines softened very much better and the grade of Gilbert Avenue raised approximately five feet; through these arrangements making possible on this crossing a very fine intersection of roads and correction of travel lines.



AN EDEN PARK WALK



A white ash, Short's Woods, Fernbank
(Note 6-foot man beside tree)

BLUE ROCK STREET OVAL (Between Cherry and Turrill Streets)

On this little space the ground surface was changed from a broken stone paved surface between the curb-lines in the center of two roadways, to a grassed surface, making a park instead of a paved area at that point, planting trees and shrubs in its decorations.

BURNET WOODS

The most pronounced bit of new work on Burnet Woods this year, was a sloping of the bank on Clifton Avenue, above the sidewalk level to the summit at the north line of the Cincinnati University grounds, transforming this portion of the border of the park from a raw, ugly bank to a grassed slope of good appearance. The raw bank immediately south of this on University property, is awaiting the construction of a boundary drive to be built between the University grounds and Burnet Woods at that point by the University authorities. In the playgrounds to the northwest of the lake the facilities have been considerably increased, adding gymnasium apparatus, benches, comfortable steps from the roadway down to lower level and essential furnishing of the shelter and toilet rooms.

BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD

The ground surface having been finally completed, grass has been sown throughout on this land, the paths partly completed, and the trees and shrubs planted almost to completion. The property has begun to take form and enhancing the good appearance of that district. At the northwestern corner of this triangle there was completed a considerable finishing of ground surface in preparation for the building of two tennis courts at that point. The old sidewalk bordering on this property along Reading Road was removed, and a new concrete sidewalk in proper position placed along the entire line, and at the point of junction with Burnet Avenue, that end of the park is practically completed.

DEER CREEK COMMON

This property has been actively used as a baseball field, and its use developed the necessity of a low-close fence along the Hunt Street side, preventing boys from being injured by traffic on the street in following balls thrown from the grounds.

DEMPSEY PARK

During the year considerable has been done at this park in the way of planting both trees and shrubs.

EDEN PARK

While not in reality new work or construction, the important expenditures on this property in the past year were the rebuilding of the Cliff Drive and the resurfacing of the Main Road from Park Avenue to the Gilbert Avenue entrance. A very material addition has been made to the general planting in the park. Incident to this, there is the development of the Iris Garden, transforming an ugly dumping place into a pretty garden in connection with the grounds at the Park Avenue entrance of the park.

EVANSTON ATHLETIC FIELD

Two new tennis courts have been established on these grounds and some minor shaping of ground surface near the streetway done.

FERNBANK PARKS

On Milton Sayler Park the ground surface was shaped and lawns established through the sowing of grass seeds.

SHORT'S WOODS

The community there transferred their golf grounds from River Park to Short's Woods. The department did a very considerable work in trimming, cleaning and trying to save a large number of older damaged trees, and the whole grounds have been effectively cleaned.

FILSON OUTLOOK

The shrub plantations on the border of this property have been materially added to, filling out earlier planting of the year before.

HULBERT PLAYGROUND

The ground surface was graded to a finished condition and the fence surrounding the property completed.

INWOOD PARK

A material addition has been made in planting on this property. Otherwise, expenditures were purely maintenance. There is being advertised for construction a new roof which practically

provides a second floor to the shelter house in that park, adding materially to the shade supplied for the users of the Inwood Park playgrounds.

MT. AIRY FOREST

The new work on this property consists almost entirely in the forestry planting handled by the Forestry Department.

LICK RUN BALL GROUNDS

These playgrounds were regraded and surface used for baseball and football fields. The lower portion is gradually being filled and brought to proper surface from waste material from that district.

LINCOLN PARK

In this, preparations are being made for the erection of shelter buildings and completion of a children's playground at the western end of the property. Very considerable planting of trees and shrubs has been made supplementing old plantations on the entire property.

MADISON PARK

On this, the slopes on the border sidewalks have been softened and resown and resodded, taking out also the uneven surfaces within the property, thereby smoothing over the entire ground surface, making the whole a very much more attractive and usable property. Along the eastern border the low ground has been cleared of undergrowth and the adjoining sidewalk space similarly cleaned. The lower ground is in preparation for a possible wading pool and the remainder of the surface for a playground on that property.

MT. ECHO PARK

The entrance to this property from Elberon Avenue is cared for by the retaining wall and stair-way now being built. A roadway from this entrance to the top of the hill and the prominent viewpoints on Mt. Echo Park have been in part graded out, the remainder awaiting completion of the retaining wall at Elberon Avenue, and prospectively the whole of this will be completed in the spring of 1914.

MT. STORM PARK

This property is in such excellent condition that it has so far required merely the cutting of grass and keeping the surface clean. A slight widening of the roadway at the residence building, thereby better accommodating the vehicle driving at the point, has been made, adding materially to the facility for driving through this property.

MOHAWK PLAYGROUND

Along the canal at Mohawk and Central Avenue, the playground property was graded and made available for children's use, without apparatus, and a new sidewalk placed along the street line.

On most of playground surfaces the experimental use of tan-bark has so far proven extremely satisfactory and will undoubtedly lead to the use of this material on all playground surfaces.

SYCAMORE STREET PLAYGROUND

The shelter building was completed in course of early spring, and the whole property has been in excellent use throughout the summer.

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT

An effective improvement was made on this property by changing and correcting the slopes on the border of the grounds and considerable planting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

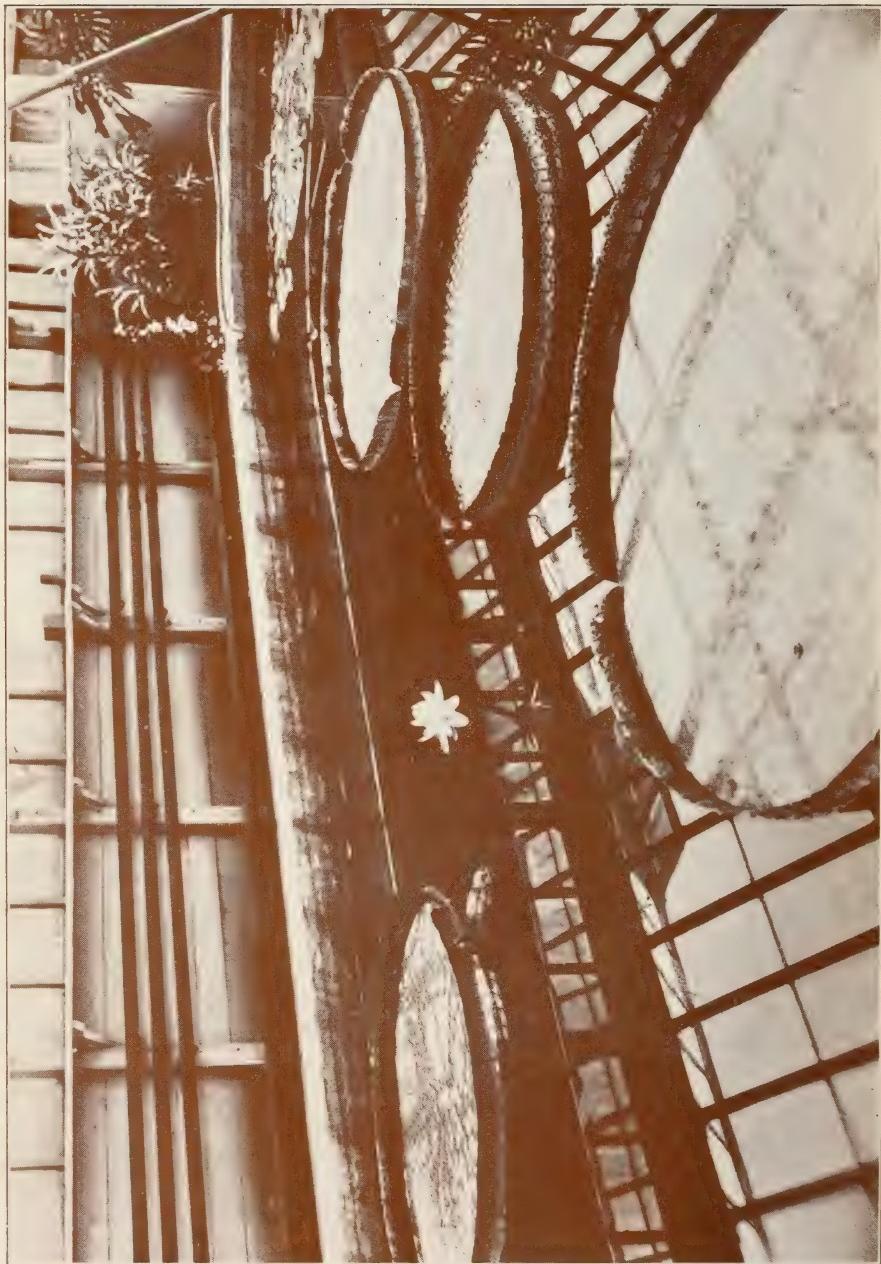
NURSERY

The rapid use of the trees and shrubs available in our nursery, suggests the necessity for a permanent nursery. It unquestionably is of very great service in obtaining our planting material in this way, rather than purchasing from the commercial nurseries for current use. The Department's Forestry Service is working on a number of the larger properties, growing trees that will permanently supply the needs of all the parks, as well as avenue trees necessary in time on boulevards and parkways. A most excellent progress has been made by the Forestry

EDEN PARK

The vale in which a new music pavilion is to be placed during 1914





"Victoria Regia," blooming in Eden Park green house. (These leaves will support the weight of a child.)

Department in the handling of seedlings and young cutting stock, and in building up the required trees. A very considerable service has been rendered by the same department in properly caring for injured trees which still remain too good to be removed; filling and proper covering of bad spots in a large number of excellent, valuable, old trees.

The work of the Forestry Department in Mt. Airy has proven an excellent and valuable work. A very large acreage has been successfully planted, the summer's growth showing excellent progress in the young seedlings and transplanted materials. In preparation for further work of this department the required areas have been plowed and held in cultivation during the year, carrying forward permanent policy and gradually covering practically all of the open spaces of the Mt. Airy Forest lands.

Respectfully yours,

C. H. MEEDS,

Park Engineer.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

APPROPRIATIONS—

Taxes	\$ 170,651.00
Refunders	128.88
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,936.30
Rents, etc.	896.66
Total	\$ 173,612.84

DISBURSEMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS—

Administration and Maintenance	\$ 167,187.15
Outstanding Orders	2,976.82
Miscellaneous Revenue—Reverting to General Park Fund	1,936.30
Rents, etc.—Reverting to Sinking Fund	896.66
Unincumbered Balance December 31, 1913—Reverting to General Park Fund	615.91
Total	\$173,612.84

BOND FUNDS—

Balance January 1, 1913	\$ 70,506.90
Sale of Bonds—Bond Issue No. 16, 1913	\$750,000.00
Refunders	15.63
Total	\$320,522.53

BOND FUNDS—

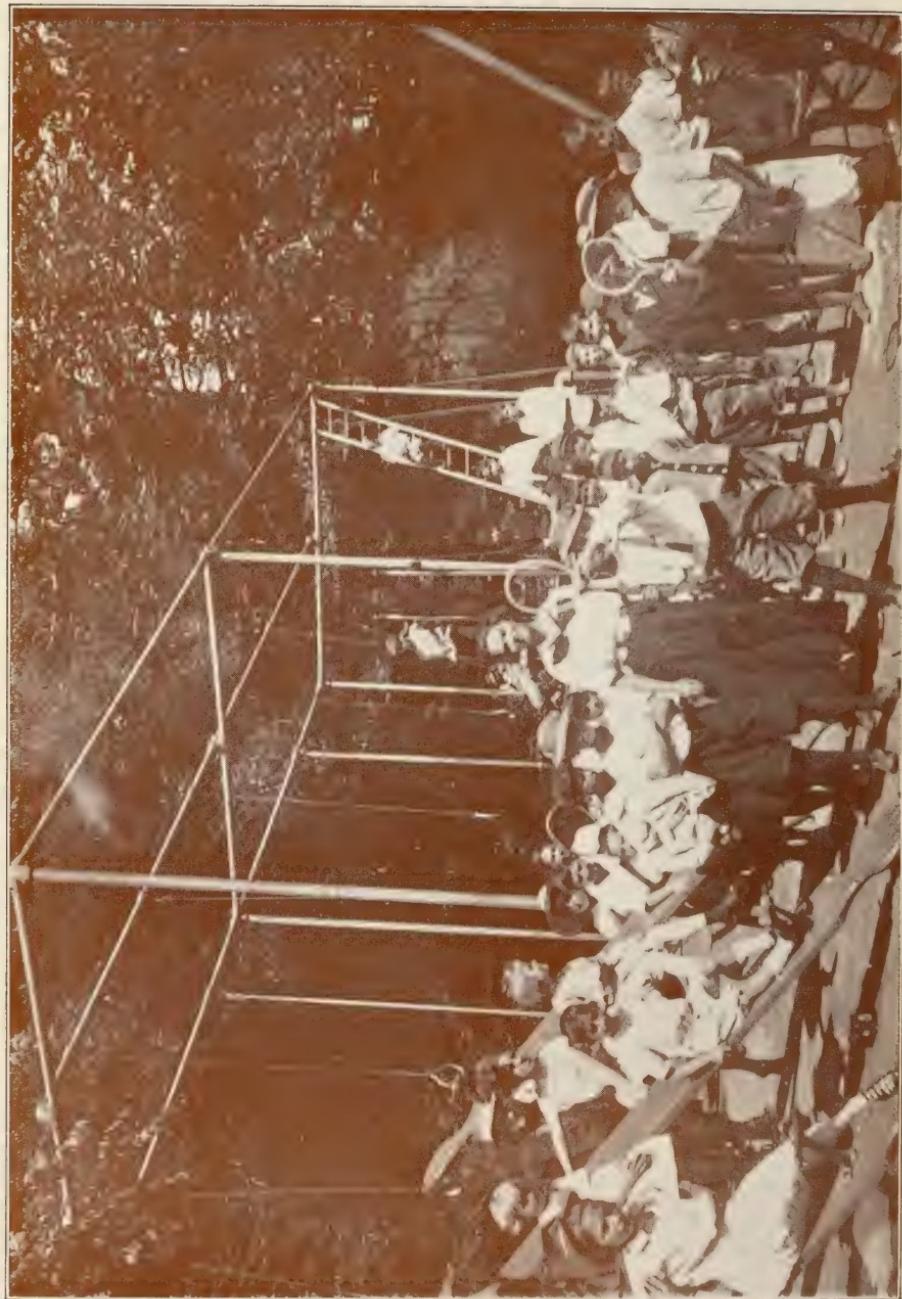
Purchase of Property and Improvements	\$ 227,265.41
Outstanding Orders and Contracts	65,289.65
Unincumbered Balance December 31, 1913	527,967.47
Total	\$820,522.53

TRUST FUNDS—

Concerts—Burnet Woods	\$ 1,868.00
Concerts—Various	2,571.00
Iron Fence—Deer Creek Common	500.00
Improvements—Price Hill Slope	100.00
Unincumbered Balance December 31, 1913	417.06
Total	\$ 5,456.06



SINTON PLAYGROUND



A suburban playground of a summer afternoon

PROPERTY PURCHASED DURING 1913

	COST OF LAND	ACREAGE
Bloody Run Parkway (Addition to)-----	\$73,278.39	23. 497
Burnet Woods (Addition to)-----	225.00	.016
Garfield Playground (Adjoining Garfield School)---	11,705.00	2. 23
Lee Park at Sayler Park (Addition to)-----	1,500.00	6. 62
Mt. Airy Forest (Addition to)-----	10,475.58	92.73
North Fairmount Playground (Addition to)-----	1,330.00	.128
Pleasant Ridge Park-----	9,823.96	8.63
River Park at Fernbank (Property Leased during year 1912—14 acres)-----	3,540.00	-----
Riverside Park at Riverside-----	2,662.76	7.32
Turkey Ridge (Addition to)-----	2,456.59	1.051
Western and McLean Avenues Playground (Addi- tion to)-----	2,825.00	.115
Expert Realty Services and Taxes on Various Prop- erties-----	869.18	-----
 Total Cost and Acreage-----	 \$ 120,691.46	142.337

OTHER PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING 1913

DONATIONS	ACREAGE
Given by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault, Ault Park (Addi- tion to)-----	27.69
Given by Gaff Estate, Short's Woods (Addition to)-----	1.75
Given by St. Xavier College, Bloody Run Parkway (Addition to)-----	3.42
Total -----	32.86 Acres
Leased Properties, Mt. Airy Forest -----	133.93 Acres
By Annexation, Hartwell Oval -----	1.02 Acres
Total Acreage -----	2,003.261 Acres
Total Cost of all Park Property -----	\$ 4,724,532.85

DONATIONS OF MONEYS RECEIVED DURING 1913

Schmidlapp Fund (Concerts Paid for by Trustees), 18 Concerts at Eden Park and 10 at various Parks and Playgrounds-----	-----
Groesbeck Endowment Fund, for 12 Concerts at Burnet Woods -----	\$1,944.00
Fleischmann Fund, for 24 Concerts at Down-town Parks and Play- grounds-----	2,616.00
Citizens of Price Hill, for Improvement of Price Hill Slope Adjoin- ing Inclined Plane-----	100.00
Mrs. C. R. Holmes, toward Erection of Fence at Deer Creek Com- mon-----	500.00
 Total -----	 \$5,160.00

SUMMARIZED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES

	Area in Acres	Cost of Land	Cost of Improvement	Total Cost
Park Land Owned by City				
Dec. 31, 1903	395.35	\$2,584,833.49		\$2,584,833.49
Added during 1904	10.36	64,700.24		64,700.24
Added during 1905	31.865	636,281.89	\$33,707.42	669,989.31
Added during 1906	19.492	105,212.14	8,670.14	113,882.28
Added during 1907	12.20	103,333.02	13,506.58	116,839.60
Added during 1908	16.146	256,372.12	84,784.47	341,156.59
Added during 1909	72.872	86,651.60	128,997.87	215,649.47
Added during 1910	9.739	45,987.06	85,473.39	131,460.45
Added during 1911	715.371	544,967.39	100,612.03	645,579.42
Added during 1912	412.812	176,202.44	192,480.50	368,682.94
Added during 1913	310.147	120,691.46	78,643.93	199,335.39

PARK COMMISSIONERS
UNDER THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

YEARS 1906, 1907, 1908

L. A. Ault	President
Max Senior	Vice-President
Henry Rattermann	Secretary
Wm. Salway	Wm. B. Poland

UNDER THE PARK ACT OF MAY 19, 1907

YEAR 1909

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1911
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1910
Julius Fleischmann	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1909

YEAR 1910

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1911
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1910
Julius Fleischmann* Reappointed	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912
George Puchta	Appointed June 23 to fill unexpired term

YEAR 1911

L. A. Ault, President	
Re-appointed Dec. 10, 1911	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President	
Re-appointed Dec. 10, 1910	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1913
George Puchta	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912

YEAR 1912

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President†	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1913
George Puchta‡	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912
Irwin M. Krohn	Appointed May 17 to fill unexpired term
D. B. Meacham	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915

YEAR 1913

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Irwin M. Krohn, Vice-President	Re-appointed Dec. 10, 1913
D. B. Meacham★	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915
John E. Bruce	Appointed December 30, to fill unexpired term.

YEAR 1914

L. A. Ault, President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914
Irwin M. Krohn, Vice-President	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1916
John E. Bruce	Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915

*Resigned June 23, 1910.

†Resigned May 9, 1912.

‡Resigned December 12, 1912.

★Resigned December 29, 1912. 1918

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913

NAME AND LOCATION	Acreage	Final Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	REMARKS
					(Donation from Freedmen's Aid Society of Methodist Episcopal Church.	
Alexander Street Between Dorsey and Goethe Streets.	.306	1912	\$21,640.17	\$ 4,900.95	\$ 42.38	
Auburn Place Mt. Auburn (Auburn and Auburndale Aves.)	.80	1905		5,344.85	4,410.80	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault.
Ault Park Mt. Lookout, Linwood Heights.	171.672	1913		128.50		
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle Clifton.	.14	1911	3,516.35			
Blachly Farm Reading and Paddock Roads.	114.	1911	82,928.36	583.74	539.60	
Bloody Run Parkway Walnut Hills and Avondale.	84.162	1913	136,602.07	31,932.91	64.42	Donations: Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg, 24.320 acres; Mrs. F. H. Simpson, 2.625 acres; Mr. James J. Hooker, 1.628 acres; Mrs. Fannie S. Rowe, 304 acres; St. Xavier's College, 3.42 acres; The Taylor Realty Co., 2.625 acres. Total donated, 32,407 acres. Purchased 51.735 acres.
Blue Rock Street Oval Between Cherry and Turlin Streets.	.22	1912			14.75	(Land leased from 1872 to 1881; purchased in 1881.)
Burnet Woods Calhoun St. and Ludlow Ave. Extensions.	169.953	1881	925,633.63	83,915.46	14,107.75	
Burnet Ave. and Reading Road Cliff Street	7.431	1910	67,021.79	17,556.57	1,111.34	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. John Weld Peck.
Between Vine St. and Ohio Ave. College Hill Park Surrounding Town Hall.	.527	1912	(*) 10.42			Acquired by annexation.
Deer Creek Common (A. F.) Hunt Street	4.75	1911			160.75	
Dempsey Park (A. F.) Warsaw and Price Avenues.	13.133	1905	262,251.42	43,656.01	730.26	
East End Park (A. F.) Eastern Ave. and Torrence Road.	10.	1907	17,393.62	22,623.20	676.77	
Eden Park and Gilbert Ave. Extension Evanston Ballgrounds (A. F.)	7.50	1904	36,555.42	2,218.19	407.21	
Evanston Ballgrounds (A. F.)	214.45	1908	1,712,252.71	202,339.08	27,425.96	{Part of land leased from 1865 to 1908. Land purchased from 1859 to 1908.
Langdon Ave.	5.25	1911	18,032.28	2,086.49	29.36	



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A "SWIMMING HOLE," MT. AIRY FOREST

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913—Continued

NAME AND LOCATION	Acreage	Final Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	REMARKS
Fernbank Parks:						
Thorn Place Triangle	.01 acre					{ Acquired by annexation; Stuart Park—Half acre leased from Big Four R.R. Perp lease; \$1 per annum. Shorts Woods—Leased from H. S. Worthington—Perp lease; \$450 per ann., dated March 4, 1912, payable semi-annually—Purchase price \$9,000.00. Donation Gaff Est., addition to Short Woods, 1.75 acres.
Shorts Woods	.75 acres	1913	\$3,540.00	\$47.72	\$1,626.08	
River Park	.14 acres					
Stuart Park	.1 acre					
Chestnut Ridge	.24 acre					
Filson Outlook (P. G.)						
Young and Ringgold Streets.						
Garfield Park						
Eighth Street	1.	1868			1,506.61	623.95 { Donation of Messrs. J.H. and B. Piatt, April 9, 1817—Dedicated for park use 1868.
Hanna Playground	1.	1909			5,554.73	1,022.21 { Donation of Miss Mary Hanna.
McMicken Ave. and Dunlap Street.						
Hartwell Oval						
Hopkins Park						
Auburn Ave. and Dorchester St.	1.02	1912	20.00			Acquired by annexation.
Hulbert Playgroun						Donation of Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins.
Freeman Ave. and Hulbert St.	.596	1911			3,540.22	
Hyde Park Fountain	.25	1910				
Erie Avenue						
Inwood Park (P. G.)						
Wellington Place Extension, Vine Street.						
Lick Run Ballgrounds (A. F.)	4.25	1911	14,811.00		505.77	2.00
Queen City Ave. and Shadwell St.	10.	1858			15,135.39	4,657.59 { Acquired through exchanges of land in 1834 and 1837. Converted into a park in 1858.
Lincoln Park (P. G.)						Acquired by annexation.
Freeman Ave. and Hopkins St.	.25	1908				
Inwood Park						
Eastern Avenue.						
Lytic Park (P. G.)	1.36	1905	242,922.31	23,440.25	2,705.15	
Fourth and Lawrence Streets.						
Madison Park						
Madison Road and Erie Avenue.	4.442	1903	9,295.00	1,475.70	343.99 { Acquired through annexation of Hyde Park 2.866 acres. Purchased 1.576 acres.	
Madisonville Parks:						
Morris Park						
Town Hall Park						
Central Park						
Mayfield and Carson Streets						
Price Hill.	2.053	1910				
McKinley Park (P. G.)	1.21	1905	50,694.39	21,615.50	2,122.42	
John and Wade Streets.						
McMicken Ave. and Walnut St. (P. G.)	.65	1911	45,050.39	5,008.54	955.71	
Mitchell Triangle						
Reading Road and Rose Hill Ave.	.20	1911			9.00	23.17 { Donation of Mr. Albert D. Mitchell.
Mohawk Playgroun						
Central Ave. West of Mohawk Bridge.	.641	1911	22,859.45			
						35.78

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913—Continued

NAME AND LOCATION	Acreage	Final Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	REMARKS
Mt. Airy Forest Purchased.....	565.51 acres					
Leased Property E. W. Kittredge.....	95.00 acres	1913	\$70,067.99	\$4,706.75	\$4,717.69	Kittredge Farm Leased from E. W. Kittredge—Perpetual lease, rental \$900 per year, payable quarterly—Purchase price \$22,000.00.
Widow's Home.....	19.65 "					
Jos. Bosse.....	19.56 "					
F. Leiser.....	19.72 "					
Mt. Echo Park (A. F.) Elberon Avenue.	50.850	1908	74,640.46	23,267.31	2,900.53	
Mt. Storm Park Lafayette and Ludlow Avenues.	66.85	1911	117,310.45	918.85	2,733.39	
North Fairmount Playground Carl Street.	.448	1912	7,878.04			
Nursery (Leased) Muddy Creek Pike and Anderson Ferry Road.	23.29	1909		4,527.31	4,690.12	
Osterbrock Property (Garfield Playground) Edgewood and Elmore Streets.	2.23	1913	11,705.00			
Owls Nest Park Madison Road.	5.80	1905	(†) 550.83	2,840.68	1,180.35	Donation of Messrs. C. E. and E. C. Perkins.
Parkers Woods and Thompson Tract Bruce Avenue, Northside.	31.50	1911	46,940.50		1.40	
Pearl Street Playground Pearl St. between Elm and Plum Sts.	.44	1910		3,441.77	870.66	Transferred by Act of Council.
Pleasant Ridge Welfare Park.	8.63	1913	9,823.96	20.35	26.25	(Donation of \$500 by the citizens of Price Hill for improvements. Loaned to the city improved and maintained by the Park Department.
Price Hill Slope Warsaw, Glenway and Wilder Avenues.		1912		1,009.36		The Jewish Settlement turned this over to the Park Department, which assumed expense of supervision. Discontinued Aug. 30, 1913.
Providence Playground Fifteenth and Providence Streets.					92.05	232.59



THE CREEK, MCFARLAN GLEN, MT. AIRY FOREST



McFARLAN GLEN FALLS, MT. AIRY FOREST

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913—Continued

NAME AND LOCATION	Acreage	Final Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	REMARKS
						Date of Council.
Riverside Park Liston and Olive Avenues.	.732	1913	\$2,662.76		\$6.00	Transferred by Act of Council.
Rochelle and Falke Sts. Triangle	.072	1910	-----	\$724.00		
Sayler Park (Parks):						
Nelson Sayler Park:	2.06 acres	1913	3,120.00	197.60	1,146.37	Donated by Mr. Milton Sayler 2.85 acres
Lee Park:	16.28 acres	1912	(*) 300.48	829.81	5,495.42	Acquired by annexation 3.642 acres— Purchased 12.22 acres.
McQuetey Park	.372 acres	19.	255,865.47	60,538.86	59.58	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Geo F. Dieterle.
Schuetzenbueckel Park	2.33	1908	64,740.51	11,475.06	144.39	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft, of 8.50 acres—Purchased 5.024 acres.
Fairmount (P. G.)	.45	1911	4,826.71	11,254.02	24.58	Transferred by Act of Council.
Sinton Park	13.524	1911	29,450.99	1,285.54		Donated by Mr. Wm. Worthington .47 acres—Purchased 6.629 acres.
Barr, Cutler, Kenyon and Mound Sts.	1.50	1911	-----			
Sycamore Street Playground	7.039	1913	-----			
Opposite Woodward High School.						
Taft Field (A. F.)	3.755	1904	18,799.42	6,167.71	771.32	
Third and Collard Streets	1.216	1911	10,705.57	933.96	158.75	
Turkey River	1.157	1910	-----	627.80		
South of Eastern Ave., between Delta and Stanley, from Humbert to river, between Strader and Congress Streets.	5.60	1853	138,050.00	18,432.17	4,494.22	
Vine and Hollister Park	21.27	1911	13,260.11	721.34	384.72	
Vine and Hollister Streets.			16,015.00	10,783.73		
Walnut Hills Playground	.75	1911	-----	124.39	255.19	Acquired by annexation.
Ashland Ave. and Chapel St.						
Warsaw and Woodlawn Aves. (P. G.)						
Price Hill.						
Washington Park						
Race, Twelfth and Elm Streets.						
Western and McLean Aves. (P. G.)						
Westwood Common (A. F.)						
Fisher Place.						
Westwood Town Hall Lot						
Grounds around Town Hall						
Wilson Common						
East of Grand Ave., Price Hill.						
Woodward Park (P. G.)						
Foot of Rockdale Ave., Avondale.						
Wulsin Triangle						
Madison and Observatory Roads.						
Totals.			2003.261	\$4,724,532.85	\$813,484.29	\$105,925.38
NOTE—(P. G.) Playground.						*Taxes.
(A. F.) Athletic Field.						†Taxes and recording deed.

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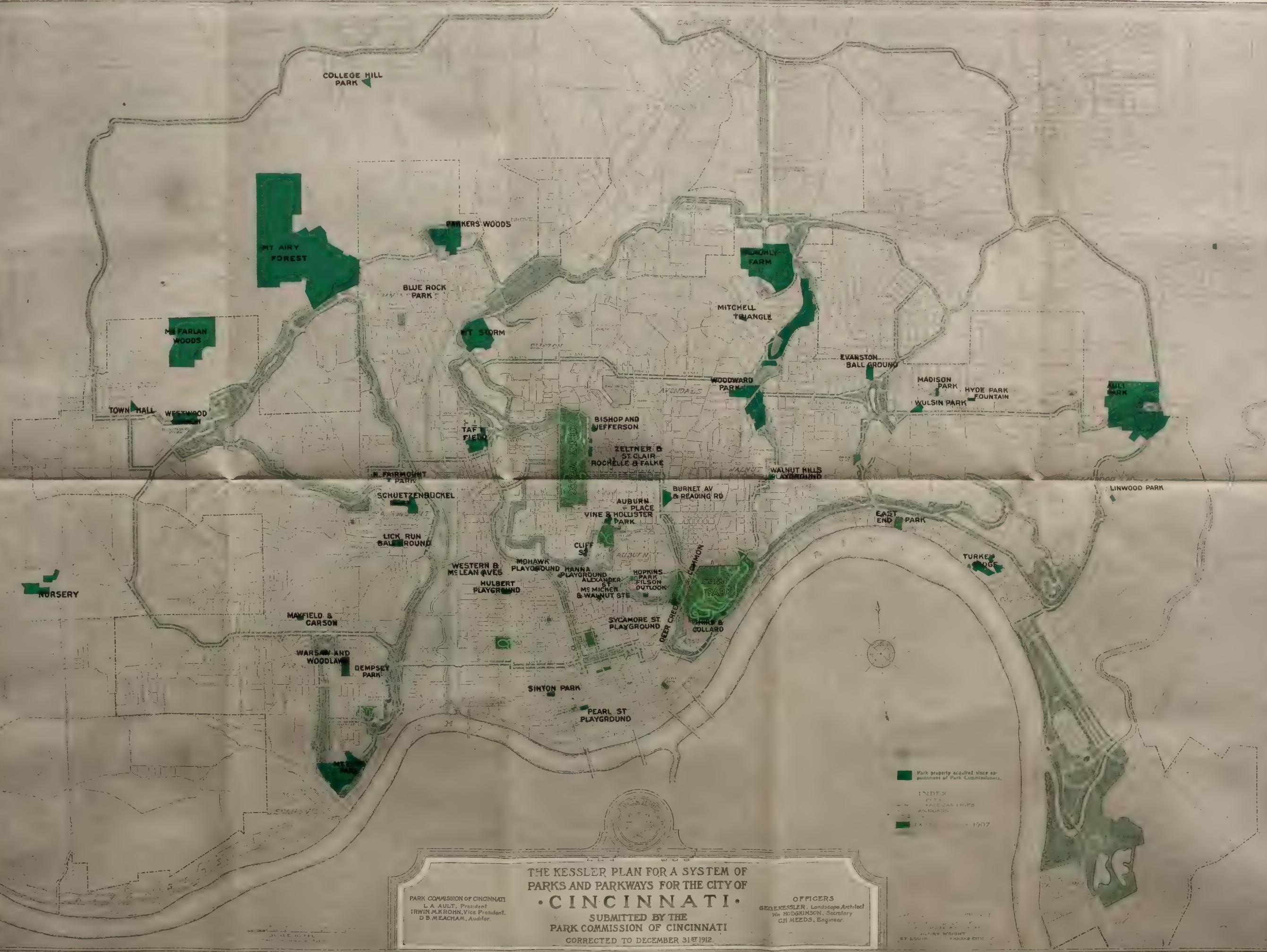
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Annual Report
OF THE
Board of Park Commissioners

of the City of Cincinnati
for the year 1914

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

January 18, 1915.

To His Honor, the Mayor,

Frederick S. Spiegel,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We hand you herewith the report of the Board of Park Commissioners for the year 1914, consisting

First: Of a resume of the year's more important matters;

Second: By the reports of the several executive officers who treat their subjects in detail;

Third: By a condensed statement of funds, both bond and tax;

Fourth: By statistical tables of Cincinnati's parks.

Very respectfully,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

L. A. AULT, President.

WM. HODGKINSON, Secretary.

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A RESUME OF THE YEAR'S MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

General Condition.

The condition of the parks has improved annually. This is attributable to the earnest, serious effort of our working force. Few changes in the personnel have been made for several years. The officers and men are enthusiastic and diligent. Effective effort has been rewarded with secure position. Through weekly meetings and reports, the Board and their employes are in touch and harmony.

Parks.

A gratifying increase in the park attendance was noticeable this year. Walking, driving, picnicing, tennis and golf continue the chief attractions.

The Sunday afternoon concerts in Eden Park were attended by great crowds, so much so that they cut off travel in the main drive. As the old wooden building was beyond economical repair, and as there was a fund available through a bond issue of \$15,000, passed in 1908 by Council, the Board built a new music pavilion in the valley south of the Art Museum, where it is estimated 20,000 people may be accommodated in a natural amphitheatre. The pavilion is architecturally good, the basement holds all the conveniences required by a large throng and the structure is permanent.

Street car approaches are much needed to Ault Park, Avon Field and Mt. Airy Forest. This need, though it does not prevent their use, would greatly increase it.

The small downtown parks have been given especial attention. They have constantly to be replanted, as city conditions are not advantageous to the health of the more permanent shrubs and trees. In two of these properties, namely, Lincoln and Washington Parks, playgrounds have been developed this year. Handsome, convenient houses erected, and wading or dabbling pools built. The use to which the children have put them speaks for itself.

Funds.

Funds for 1914 were short and had to be distributed with minute care. During the first half of the year we counted upon receiving \$170,651 for the year's maintenance. During the second six month's period this amount was reduced to \$154,584.97.

By careful husbanding of resources a successful season was completed, and 1914 saw our parks at their best thus far, although at their least cost for maintenance per acre.

The Future.

While speaking of funds, it is evident that those received from taxes under existing laws will be insufficient for park needs.

The popular demand for greater activities can not be met by present methods, and we would suggest for consideration the plan proposed for raising funds for parks in the draft of the new city charter of 1913. This, though brief in language, appears ample in scope, and we believe would meet with popular approval.

Specializing.

With the larger growth of the department, it became necessary to specialize.

A Head Gardener, equipped by education and experience, was employed, with gratifying results.

The Engineer, with his multitudinous duties, was assisted by detailing other officials to individual service.

The playgrounds were apportioned to the Secretary, who could give them more detailed attention. Thus larger attendance and better service was achieved.

Mt. Airy Forest, one of our large problems, requiring careful study and close attention, was placed under an advisory committee, consisting of the Landscape Architect, the State Forester and the Secretary as the executive member. Thus the Engineer is relieved from much detail and his whole time given to the ever-increasing demands of general administration.

New Buildings.

Five new buildings were erected this year, namely, one each at Washington Park, Lincoln Park, Grant and Symmes Playgrounds, and Eden Park Music Pavilion. An important addition, necessitated by increased use, was also made to the Inwood house. For this architectural work a building superintendent was employed, who carried on the construction according to plans and specifications, and to the satisfaction of the Board.

Rounding Out.

Several of the newer parks were incomplete, in that their outlines were ragged and contained isolated private holdings. This was the case in the Bloody Run Parkway, Ault Park and Mt. Airy Forest. These blocks have been completed and their boundaries perfected.

A 12-foot strip of ground was procured for an entrance to Wilson Common from Grand Avenue. This allowed the introduction of water, as well as access, from the main thoroughfare, which though but 50 feet from the Common, required a detour of several hundred feet to approach.

Donations of Land.

The largest gifts of park land during the year were: 33 acres by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault, being an addition to Ault Park, Linwood, making the total donation of a property of 205.003 acres.

An 88-acre tract by Mr. J. Nelson Caldwell, on the old North Bend

Road, northwest of and adjoining Carthage. The land consists of rugged hills and valleys, bounded on the east by Millcreek, and containing a large tract of valuable original forest.

Mr. Caldwell gave this property as a memorial to his father, James Nelson Caldwell.

The property is of peculiar historical interest, as it was part of the Miami grant, George Washington, President, to John Cleves Symmes, in 1785, by whom it was sold in 1796 to James Caldwell, the great uncle of the donor; therefore, the property has had but one family ownership of record.

Mr. Bernard H. Kroger presented a property of 82 acres to the city for park purposes forever. The property is located on the C. M. & L. Traction line, facing the Little Miami River, in close proximity to the Y. M. C. A. camp at Terrace Park. It is well wooded and an attractive piece of ground.

It was used during the summer by the Cincinnati Anti-Tuberculosis Society as a camp for anemic children.

Mr. James N. Gamble donated for park purposes in the McFarlan Division of Mt. Airy Forest a beautiful piece of ridge and wooded slope, along McFarlan Glen, 4.66 acres in area.

ACQUISITIONS BY PURCHASE.

Inwood Park.

Inwood Park, north of Hollister Street and east of Vine, not many years since was a great hollow. This has gradually been filling. The front is now a piece of garden along Vine and Hollister Streets. The rear will be used for ball grounds or tennis courts in the near future.

The purchase of all necessary property has been completed at Inwood Park.

There remain in the courts for perfection of title through various causes a number of holdings, which will shortly be deeded to the city. All are remnants of larger parks and are the invariable round-up.

Ludlow Field, a property of 2.488 acres, situated in Cumminsville beneath the Ludlow Viaduct, was purchased at a nominal cost for use as an athletic field. Being in close proximity to a large population, it will be of great use and is expected to accommodate two ball diamonds.

The total acquisition of park property during 1914 was 397.909 acres.

The total park area at the close of business December 31, 1914, is 2,400.864 acres.

Parkways.

Although The Kessler Plan includes numerous parkways, but one has been undertaken, and that in part only, namely, the Bloody Run Parkway. Extending from Chapel Street, Walnut Hills, to the north

end of Avondale, ostensibly to connect Eden Park with Avon Field, actually to enhance values of city property from which taxes are derived; to relieve congestion of traffic by inviting the swift, from the slow moving on city streets, and to create desirable building lots. The parkway will consist of good, smooth roads, bordered by wide grass, sidewalk and tree spaces, interspersed with gardens, pools, playgrounds, tennis and game courts, groves and shrubberies. For convenient reference the parkway is divided into six sections, in two of which one road is complete. Three sections are under construction.

Section 6 has been the most difficult and slowest of acquisition, and for that reason, up to the present, no constructive work has been undertaken.

This parkway, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length, when complete will add greatly to the beauty of the city, as well as facilitate travel between the suburbs served. Its embellishment will be started in 1915.

Mt. Echo Park.

Mt. Echo Park has not received its deserved attendance, chiefly on account of its difficult access. A new entrance started in 1912 will be completed in the early part of 1915. By careful engineering a short, winding, easily graded road, held up by a fine piece of native stone masonry, has connected Elberon Avenue with the park at its highest point.

The grading has been completed, the wall finished and after the winter's settling of the filled ground, the whole will be in condition to receive the road surface:

This will bring the park within five minutes' walk from the Elberon cars, creating a large public use.

Playgrounds.

Seventeen of our 22 playgrounds were in operation during 1914. The attendance has come up annually, until this year it exceeds a million. The grounds are placed throughout the more populous districts of the compact city, the most easterly being at Turkey Ridge, the most westerly in the West End, the most northerly in Walnut Hills.

Inwood Playground was the first modern plant. The response to its inauguration was so gratifying that the Board has created and equipped playgrounds as rapidly as feasible.

The carpenters' strike of the past summer so delayed the buildings on four of the new playgrounds that tents and other temporary shelters were used. The houses, we are glad to state, are now complete and ready for the approaching season.

The supervision and direction of the playgrounds was satisfactory. The assistance given by the local organizations, chiefly the Mothers' Clubs, was a live element in the success of the season.

Other than the daily occupations, such as bathing, games, ball and athletics, lawn fetes or children's fairs were given, the profits from which are expended on the grounds for furnishings, games, and to take the children on picnics to the suburban parks.

The concerts and moving picture shows given at numerous playgrounds were well attended and thoroughly appreciated.

The Public Library very graciously allowed their story-teller to interest and amuse the children with standard tales. At first, child like, they were shy, but speedily they were so interested that they would drop any occupation to listen to the "Story Lady."

Athletics.

Athletic fields, like other playgrounds, are distributed through the city, save at greater intervals.

We have 18 athletic fields accommodating 27 ball diamonds, which give our young men ample opportunity to play the national game.

Other than baseball and football, few amusements have proved attractive. In order to procure greater and more satisfactory use of these grounds, a Director of Recreation, employed by the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Association, was placed under the direction of this Board, with headquarters in our administration building.

The Director of Recreation gave out all baseball permits for Saturdays and Sundays. Other days of the week the diamonds are used without restriction. His efforts were directed toward improving the game, its more peaceful procedure, the organization of amateur clubs and leagues, proper umpiring and a general high standard of manly sport.

An admirable spirit permeated the clubs, and the season was most successful.

A Gap.

A gap exists between the playground and the athletic field.

The child graduates from the playground at the age of 16 years. Excepting the most venturesome, the boys do not begin to play on the athletic fields for a year or two. The girls equally lack healthy open-air recreation, therefore, at the threshold of useful life, the door is found locked. Mixed, inexperienced youth must amuse and occupy itself or be debarred freedom of action to avoid disaster. No satisfactory solution has yet been found to fill this gap.

Dances.

An attempt has been made to serve this intermediate stage, the one requiring the most care, by instituting evening dances at the playgrounds. These dances are self-sustaining. The playground instructors gave their time. They charge a penny apiece a dance, and the receipts paid for the rather primitive music. The dances were, however, enjoyed and well attended.

At Sinton Park, in a mixed population, one evening a week was given to colored and one to white dances. No disorders or interruptions occurred.

Just how this problem of the intermediate age can be handled is a matter for serious consideration.

Golf.

For those of our people desiring less strenuous amusement, those who have graduated from the ball field, was another problem.

Burnet Woods had a small nine-hole golf course where few individuals played. After a little study it was decided to turn Avon Field, then Blachly Farm, to use. At the beginning of the season it was practically a waste, grown up to brambles and weeds. A professional golfer, a graduate from St. Andrews Links, Scotland, was engaged and quickly laid out and inaugurated a nine-hole golf course. The experiment proved satisfactory. The expense was comparatively small and the attendance surprisingly large. At the end of the season the course became so crowded that work on an additional nine holes was begun. For 1915 the course will be eighteen holes.

With the advent of the electric car extension to Bond Hill, which will run through the park, the eighteen holes will be in constant use.

Another golf course of eighteen holes is being prepared in Mt. Airy Forest, starting and finishing within three minutes' walk of the car line. Our professional states this will be the longest course in the country, one of the best, and perhaps the most attractive. Starting on the West Fork Road, near Colerain Pike, three holes take one to the upper plateau, fifteen holes are played through most beautiful surroundings and views, forests, glades, distant hills, far-reaching valleys and through young tree nurseries. The eighteenth hole, a drive and an approach, from the brow of the plateau to the low level, completes a 6,500-yard course, leaving the golfer within 100 yards of his car.

ENGINEER'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1914.

Cincinnati, December 31, 1914.

To the Honorable

The Board of Park Commissioners,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit report covering the work on the various park properties throughout the city, the total number being 77 separate and distinct properties ranging in size from .07 acres to over 960 acres. On some of these properties, no improvements have been made during the past year.

All of the improved properties have been maintained in good condition and on the following some work has been done, other than ordinary maintenance.

AUBURN PLACE.

(Auburn and Auburndale Avenues.)

Some little change was made in the planting of this triangle by the addition of evergreens, cutting out a number of the flower beds.

WALTON PARK.

Principio Avenue, which for the present will be the principal entrance to this park, was completed during the month of November, this year, by the Service Department, the preliminary work on this improvement having been started in 1911.

Very little money has been spent on this park for other purposes than that of ordinary maintenance. A portion of what was formerly Heekin Avenue inside the park entrance has been improved.

A tennis court has been provided for in the reservoir basin near the Monroe House.

An addition to the barn for the protection of the sheep has been constructed near the residence of the caretaker. This flock of 97 sheep has proven one of the interesting attractions of the park; they have not only been attractive but useful in that they help keep down weeds and briars and also the pasturing helps to develop a fine blue-grass sod.

A number of old buildings have been removed.

On this property an investigation was made for the purpose of establishing a golf course. This, however, was found to be not feasible.

BLOODY RUN PARKWAY.

For the means of identifying certain portions of this parkway for the purpose of construction, the same has been subdivided into sections as follows:

Section 1: From Chapel Street and Durrell Avenue to Gilbert Avenue.

Section 2: From Gilbert Avenue to Rockdale Avenue.

Section 3: From Rockdale Avenue to Dana Avenue.

Section 4: From Dana Avenue to Woodburn Avenue.

Section 5: From Woodburn Avenue to Asmann Avenue (formerly Hopkins).

Section 6: From Asmann Avenue crossing Sherman Avenue to Reading Road.

Section 1.—The grading on this section, amounting to 82,842.5 cubic yards, has been completed for a single roadway. This roadway will be covered with macadam and opened for travel during the coming year.

The City, through its Service Department, is now at work on the construction of Gilbert Avenue as relocated, where the same crosses the parkway. This work will also be finished early in the coming year.

In the process of construction four houses were removed from this section, two by the owners and two by this Department.

With the finishing of this section, a very short connection will be had from Walnut Hills to Avondale, using Rockdale Avenue or Wyndham Avenue through Woodward Park.

Section 2.—The roadway on this section has been in use for the past year and has proven very satisfactory.

The only work by this Department was the construction of a ball-ground, about midway of this section.

During the coming year tennis courts will be constructed near the location of the ballgrounds, as well as a children's playground. This is made necessary owing to the grading of Section 3, as the new roadway runs through the old playground at Woodward Park.

Section 3.—During the past year satisfactory arrangements have been made with the C. L. & N. Railway Company for the property to be acquired from them in order to construct the roadway between Rockdale and Dana Avenues, the grading of which amounts to approximately 107,000 cubic yards. A contract has already been entered into and the work is, at this time, about 25% completed.

Owing to topographical conditions, there will be but one roadway through this section. Lexington Avenue and possibly Glenwood Avenue will be connected with the parkway.

Section 4.—The grading on this section, amounting to 23,804 cubic yards, was completed this year, sewers for road drainage constructed, sub-grade prepared and covered with cinders, and a part of the first course of stone has already been placed.

Section 5.—The grading on this section, amounting to 19,373 cubic yards, was completed early this year, sewers installed for road drainage and the road itself, which is of asphaltic macadam, completed, and opened for travel on November 5, 1914.

Section 6.—No work has been started on this section.

BLUE ROCK OVAL.

The old market space, located on Blue Rock Street, has been maintained during the year. Shrubbery, flowers and trees have been replaced where necessary.

BURNET WOODS.

The old wooden steps from the end of Lakewood, crossing the park into the main road, and the steps leading from the playground to the music pavilion, have been replaced with stone steps.

The walks along the main road have been resurfaced and a new walk from Woodside to Bishop Street on St. Clair has been constructed.

Some new drinking fountains have also been installed.

Perhaps the greatest improvement on this property has been the extension of University Avenue from Woodside to Clifton Avenue, forming a park connection between the above mentioned streets, and also making a dividing line between the park and the University.

Plans have been prepared and a contract let for the laying of water pipe in three places along the lake to provide for the flooding of the lake during the skating season. The roads throughout the park are in excellent condition, a considerable part of them having been oiled during the year.

CALDWELL PARK.

A tract of land, lying to the west of Millcreek, a greater portion being north of the North Bend Road, consisting of some 88 acres, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Caldwell. This consists of rolling ground, a portion of which is covered by the original virgin forest, same having been in the Caldwell family since 1796, when it was purchased by them from John Cleves Symmes.

COLLEGE HILL PARK.

Extensive improvements have been made on these grounds in the way of shrubbery and tree planting and by the construction of a double tennis court.

DEER CREEK COMMON.

An additional ball diamond was constructed on these grounds at the southwest corner, with the necessary pipe and wire backstop.

A portion of the building formerly occupied by the Early & Daniel Company has been removed. Preparations are being made for a warehouse which will permit the removal of the remainder of this building in a very short time.

DEMPSEY PARK.

Considerable was added to this park in the way of shrub and tree planting during the year.

EAST END COMMON.

One new baseball backstop was provided for these grounds and some tree planting done during the past year.

EDEN PARK.

The new music pavilion has been constructed in the valley southeast from the Art Museum. This is more accessible to the street cars than the old bandstand which has been removed and avoids the blocking of the thoroughfare through the park during concerts.

A tennis court has been constructed near the Mt. Adams Shelter House.

Water and a drinking fountain have been supplied to the tennis courts located near the end of Sinton Avenue.

Some change was made in the formal garden south of the greenhouses, in the arrangement of the flower beds. This proved one of the most attractive spots in the entire park during the summer.

The floral display at the greenhouse is always good. There is something on display during the entire year. The chrysanthemum show was unusually good, and at the present time there is a very attractive display of begonia, poinsettias and orchids, some species of the latter being in bloom almost the entire year.

The greenhouse propagated for bedding plants (which were used throughout the various parks of the city this spring) about 175,000 plants, consisting of geraniums, cannas, colias and various other bedding and border plants. The past fall the same force has placed in the various parks 65,500 bulbs, consisting of hyacinths and tulips.

Some work has been done on the slopes along Gilbert Avenue in the way of constructing water breaks and the planting of roses and honeysuckle.

The terraces above Elsinore Tower were used during the summer for children's gardens.

In the portion of Eden Park west of Gilbert Avenue a change was made in the formal floral plantings, which added very much to the appearance of the park.

In the course of the reconstruction of the west reservoir, the City Water Works changed the location of the wall at the northwest and northeast corners, necessitating some grading in order that these corners may be properly cared for, a part of which work has already been accomplished.

The main roadway, instead of the ordinary park roadway, has become the main thoroughfare for automobiles and other pleasure vehicles, from the eastern section of the city. The record kept for four days in August, 1914, shows the average number of motor and horse-drawn vehicles using this roadway to be 2,830 per day from 6 A. M. to 12 midnight; the largest number being 3,404, the smallest 2,250.

EVANSTON ATHLETIC FIELD.

No new construction was undertaken here during the year, although there was some demand for more tennis courts. The present court was practically maintained by the Tennis Club of Evanston.

FERNBANK PARKS.

The only new work on the parks at Home City and Fernbank was the construction of an enclosure for tennis courts, the grading of these courts being done by the Lower River Road Improvement Association. The work on the golf course was also done by the people of the vicinity.

FILSON OUTLOOK.

An electric conduit was laid along the outer edge of the walk around the playground and five-lamp standards placed for electric lights.

Some new shrubbery planting was done on this property.

The principal work, however, was the construction of the pile foundation for the Reakirt Fountain, including water supply and drainage. This fountain is to be erected by Mr. L. B. Reakirt during the coming year.

GARFIELD PARK.

The old-style drinking fountain in the park between Race and Elm Streets has been replaced with a bubbling fountain. In this connection it was also necessary to construct a sewer from Elm Street for drainage purposes.

Owing to the extremely dry season, considerable difficulty was

experienced in maintaining grass at this park. During the past fall the park was thoroughly mulched with the hope of securing better results during the coming year.

HARRISON PLAYGROUND.

This playground adjoins the Oyler School, Staebler Street running between the school and the property.

The buildings on this property have been wrecked and the grounds graded.

HARTWELL OVAL.

This small tract was cared for in the usual way, flower beds being maintained throughout the summer.

HOPKINS PARK.

During the past year the shrubbery plantations were renewed and some additions made.

We have had no caretaker at this park for the past year, it being under the supervision of the caretaker at Inwood Park.

INWOOD PARK.

An addition was made to the shelter building, and a cement walk laid in front of the building connecting with the wading pool.

Additions were made to the shrubbery and tree plantings.

Some minor changes were made in the walks and a new walk constructed, and a flight of stone steps leading from Inwood Place into the park.

The City at the present time is improving Rice and Thill Streets, which abut this property for a short distance on the west and south.

KENNEDY HEIGHTS.

By process of annexation this department comes into possession of a small park at Kennedy Heights, a rather rough and rugged piece of ground, for which no plan of development has been made.

KROGER HILLS.

Formerly known as Bamford Hills, a gift of Mr. B. H. Kroger, comprising some 82 acres.

This property last year, through the courtesy of the Board of Park Commissioners, was used by the Anti-Tuberculosis League as a camp for anemic children, a most worthy charity which deserves a special report of its own. It can, however, only be mentioned here.

The only work on the property by this Department was painting the roofs of some of the buildings.

LICK RUN BALLGROUNDS.

These grounds are used principally for baseball and football playing. Some improvements were made on the fields during the past year, and two new backstops were erected.

LINCOLN PARK.

The new shelter building in this park has been finished and preparations have been made for the necessary regrading of the playgrounds. In connection with this grading, a low wall has been constructed along the sidewalk adjacent to the wading pool.

Considerable work was done in the way of shrubbery planting throughout the park.

Plans and estimates were prepared for laying pipe to supply this park with water to flood the lake during the skating season, but owing to lack of funds, this work could not be executed at this time.

LOSANTIVILLE TRIANGLE.

Additions have been made to the shrubbery and tree plantings; the cosmos set out in the shrubbery beds proved an attractive feature of the park, being in full bloom during early fall, lasting until frost.

A double tennis court was finished during the spring, which has proven a popular addition to the park.

LUDLOW FIELD.

This property, lying on the north side of Millcreek and just south of Ludlow Avenue, was acquired and will be used as a ballground. Owing to the construction of the Millcreek sewer through these grounds, it was not possible to use them during the past year. However, two ball diamonds will be made available during the coming season.

MADISON PARK.

The only new work was the construction of a single tennis court, some shaping of banks, seeding and sodding.

MOHAWK AND CANAL.

During the year a strip of ground along the bank of the canal for about 250 feet lying just south of the Mohawk bridge was maintained by the Mohawk Improvement Association. The planting and sodding was done by this Department.

MT. AIRY FOREST.

The work on this property during the past year has been largely that of clearing and cleaning up, removing old fences and buildings, which were no longer necessary.

The house on the property under lease from E. W. Kittredge has been repaired and is now occupied by the caretaker. The old barn, which was falling down, has been removed and a new barn constructed, using old material for this purpose.

A fairly good road has been constructed into what is known as the "Smith House."

Considerable nursery plantings have been made during the past fall, consisting of trees and shrubs.

An eighteen-hole golf course has been laid out on the property, but the actual construction has not as yet been commenced.

The forestry proposition which is to be the dominant feature on this property is covered in a special report by Mr. Secrest, and for that reason this very important undertaking is omitted in this report.

MT. ECHO PARK.

The retaining walls, which are to support the new roadway for the entrance into this park, have been completed. The grading of the roadway has been finished and the sewer for road drainage is now being constructed. Contract has been let for the paving of this roadway from Elberon Avenue to the south line of Moulton Avenue. This paving will be finished early next year.

About 750 feet of 1-inch water pipe was laid to supply water for the playground near the old Smith House. A drinking fountain and hose connections were also established.

Considerable planting has been done in the park proper, consisting largely of trees.

MT. STORM PARK.

Very little work has been done on this property during the past year.

Additional comfort and toilet facilities were provided.

The main road has been oiled and placed in good condition. Plans have been prepared for the lighting of this road from LaFayette Avenue into what was formerly the old Bowler homestead.

NORTH FAIRMOUNT PLAYGROUND.

Adjoining the North Fairmount School, on Carll Street.

The necessary sewer and drains were constructed, and also 718.7 cubic yards of grading, which covers the property acquired by the Board of Park Commissioners, giving this section additional playgrounds.

PARKER'S WOODS.

During the past year we have installed a drinking fountain on top of the knoll at the end of Langdon Avenue.

Considerable work was also done in the way of cleaning up brush and fallen timber. We are at this time removing some of the dead trees.

PLEASANT RIDGE FIELD.

Grading on this property to the amount of 2,934 cubic yards was done during the year, this Department paying the sum of \$399.98. The remainder of the cost was borne by the Pleasant Ridge Welfare Association.

This Association also constructed two single tennis courts, the backstops for which were set by this Department, we furnishing the iron pipe and labor, the Welfare Association furnishing the other material; they also furnished the material and paid for the erection of the backstop on the ball diamond.

RIVERSIDE FIELD.

During the year this field was graded, a ballground laid out and a backstop erected, the amount of grading being 2,499.8 cubic yards.

The property as graded is large enough for two ball diamonds. The river bank is shaded and would make an ideal place for camps, should the Board have an occasion to allow it to be used for that purpose.

SCHUETZENBUCKEL PARK.

The ballground was regraded, a backstop erected, and the entire property cleared of brush, old logs and other rubbish.

The people of the neighborhood constructed a tennis court, the expense of which was borne by the Tennis Club of that vicinity.

TURKEY RIDGE PLAYGROUND.

Through Mr. John J. Wenner, two election booths were secured and were used for shelter purposes and toilet facilities.

Water service and sewer connection have been installed and a bubbling drinking fountain placed on the playgrounds.

During the fall considerable tree planting was done on this property.

WASHINGTON PARK.

About 90 feet of the north end of the property has been used for the purpose of establishing a playground upon which a shelter building and wading pools have been constructed. A 12-foot cement walk from Race to Elm Street forms the southern boundary line of the playground and also furnishes better facilities for people wishing to go to Music Hall from the Race Street side of this property, as it is a direct line across the park and into one of the main entrances of Music Hall.

WAYNE PLAYGROUND.

This playground adjoins the Garfield School, and has been graded, 2,241 cubic yards of material moved. Five hundred and twelve cubic yards of this was old hot-bed material, which was piled and will be used for top dressing lawns for planting and such other work in the various parks where rich soil may be required.

A portion of this ground is still below the street level and should be filled at least to that level whenever material can be secured for that purpose.

WILSON COMMON.

During the year a strip of ground 12 feet in width was purchased from Mr. Gallagher, which now gives this property an entrance from Grand Avenue. This entrance will make the park available for a considerable population from the westerly side, which heretofore had to enter the park in a roundabout way.

Water has been supplied and a drinking fountain installed.

A temporary backstop has also been constructed on the small baseball field on this property.

WOODWARD PARK.

Owing to the construction of the parkway through the playgrounds at this park, it became necessary to remove the tennis courts and playground paraphernalia. These will be replaced in Section 2, as stated elsewhere in this report, or at some other place in the park.

Stone steps and stepping stones were laid connecting the lower level of the park with the hill at a point near the junction of the park roadway and Rockdale Avenue.

AVON FIELD

(Blachly Farm).

During the past year this property has been very greatly improved by the construction of a nine-hole golf course and the necessary clearing and cleaning up of the property in connection therewith. Plans have been made for the extension of this course to one of eighteen holes, which will be completed early in the coming year.

The greater part of the nursery plantings which were started on this property have been removed. The remainder will be removed during the spring.

Through the kindness of Mr. E. W. Edwards, of the Edwards Manufacturing Company, a small metal shelter building was donated for the use of the golf players.

Water and a drinking fountain have been installed and temporary toilet facilities have been established.

On a large number of properties not mentioned, no improvements were made, the only work being that of ordinary maintenance. Even on the properties covered in this report many of the details have not been mentioned owing to the fact that it was deemed best to make this report as brief as possible.

This Department has, through the Head Gardener, Mr. Barclay, given considerable aid to the Board of Hospital Commissioners in the planning and laying out of their grounds for shrubbery beds and tree planting.

A considerable portion of this planting has already been accomplished.

It has been our constant endeavor to instill into the minds of all the men that we not only wanted, but expected them to deliver \$2.00 worth of work for \$2.00, and we hope during the coming year to raise our standard of efficiency still higher.

The reports of the Head Gardener and the Captain of Police hereto attached show conclusively that their departments have done everything possible and have not spared themselves in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MEEDS,

Park Engineer.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER FROM JANUARY 1, 1914,
TO DECEMBER 31, 1914.**

Mr. C. H. Meeds,
Park Engineer.

Dear Sir:

A condensed report for a year on the horticultural work in the parks must necessarily show very few of the many interesting details, but the following is an endeavor to show the main points of the work.

Great care has been taken to thoroughly prepare the soil before planting, and to have the planting done with proper care. The loss due to poor digging in the nursery, careless handling and improper planting has been considerably less than 1%. Tree borers were exceedingly troublesome during the past summer and made necessary the replacement of a considerable number of trees.

An endeavor is being made to increase the number of species of shrubs and trees in the park nursery. The number of species and varieties now on hand is about 400.

A start has been made in raising a number of herbaceous perennials, especially such as flower during late summer after the vast majority of woody plants have ceased flowering. About 5,000 plants of various species were raised at Mt. Airy during the season.

The stock in the park nursery has been kept up through propagation by seeds and cuttings, and by purchase of small plants and young trees. Since three years are usually necessary to raise a shrub to planting size, and a longer period for trees, the park lands likely to be planted three or more years from now have been kept in mind and the main restocking of the nursery made of plants best suited for these plantings.

Following is a condensed list of the plantings in the various parks, completed to December 15, 1914:

AUBURN TRIANGLE.

178 shrubs and trees. New planting with considerable loss, mainly due to injury by public.

BLUE ROCK OVAL.

36 shrubs and trees. Replacement planting, trees injured by borers.

COLLEGE HILL TOWN HALL.

1917 shrubs and trees. Entirely new planting.

DEER CREEK COMMON.

3781 shrubs and trees. New planting January, 1914, with replacements the past fall amounting to 5%.

DEMPSEY PARK.

924 shrubs and trees. New planting with a number of replacements the past fall of trees injured by borers.

DYER SCHOOL.

18 trees. Large spruce trees planted in tubs on roof.

EAST END BALL GROUNDS.

44 trees.

EDEN PARK.

3,403 shrubs and trees, 2,071 herbs, 19,950 vines. The principal new shrub plantings were: South of Elsinore Tower, along Paradrome Street and about the city pumping station. The plantings of herbageous perennials were mainly north of the pumping station and along the walk about the reservoirs. The vines planted—mainly honeysuckle and English Ivy—have been used to cover various small areas of bare ground especially on Gilbert Avenue, on Parkside Place and along the Zoo-Eden car line.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE.

177 evergreen trees. While these small evergreens cannot be expected to live long under the artificial conditions, yet the above number of replacements was mostly because of damage by the public.

GARFIELD PARK.

78 shrubs, 22 trees. Improvement of shrubberies and additional tree planting.

GRANT PLAYGROUND.

5 trees.

HANNA PLAYGROUND.

6 trees.

HOPKINS PARK.

297 shrubs. Mainly improvement planting. Some replacements because of injury by the public.

HULBERT PLAYGROUND.

10 trees.

INWOOD PARK.

958 shrubs and trees. Mostly improvement planting, especially about playground building and near park boundary at Orphan Asylum. Considerable replacement of trees injured by borers.

JOHNSTON PARK.

5 trees.

LINCOLN PARK.

2,350 shrubs and trees, 913 herbs. Improvement planting mainly on island and lake border, with some replacements because of injury by boys.

LOSANTIVILLE TRIANGLE.

New planting. 1,963 shrubs and trees. Improvement planting mainly to form foliage background along north boundary. Some replacement of trees.

LYTLE PARK.

4 trees.

McKINLEY PLAYGROUND.

24 trees.

MOHAWK PLAYGROUND.

17 trees.

MT. ECHO PARK.

223 trees.

OWLS NEST PARK.

710 shrubs and trees. New planting at entrance and at rear of park.

PEARL STREET PLAYGROUND.

8 trees.

SINTON PARK.

269 shrubs. Maintenance planting.

TAFT FIELD.

86 trees. Replacement planting.

TURKEY RIDGE.

90 trees. Entirely new planting.

WALNUT HILLS PLAYGROUND.

25 trees. Entirely new planting.

WASHINGTON PARK.

885 shrubs, 500 vines. Replacements of shrubs injured by the public with some changes in shrubbery outlines and a few new groups.

A good number of hawthornes were used in an endeavor to prevent paths being made through the border shrubbery.

WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT.

201 shrubs, 625 vines. New planting mainly about base of building. The vines were mainly to form a ground cover at a place too shaded for grass.

TOTALS.

18,714	shrubs and trees
2,984	herbaceous perennials
21,075	vines
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42,773	

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. BARCLAY,

Head Gardener.

FORESTER'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1914.

Cincinnati, December 31, 1914.

Mr. C. H. Meeds,
Park Engineer.

Dear Sir:

SPRAYING—SCALE DISEASES.

On account of the reorganization of this department, which took place the middle of November, at which time the scale spraying should have been started, this work was not begun. It will, therefore, be necessary to do this spraying during the coming spring.

INSECTS.

The insect spraying during the past year was successful, very little damage being done by leaf-eating insects.

ELM-LEAF BEETLE.

Through the courtesy of the State Agricultural Commission, I was issued a special commission to handle this pest in Cincinnati. I was therefore able to conduct various experiments resulting in the complete control of this pest. Thirty-eight private properties were affected with the elm-leaf beetle and were sprayed under the direction of the department.

INFORMATION.

During the past year I have made 170 inspections of private properties and have answered 90 applicants by telephone. This work has proved popular and has made many friends for the Park Department.

LECTURES.

Eleven lectures have been given during the past year, before schools, Business Men's Clubs and Improvement Associations.

ENTOMOLOGICAL EXHIBIT.

I have already submitted to your Honorable Board prices on the entomological exhibit and have secured the co-operation of Associate State Entomologist J. S. Houser, in the preparation of the scale exhibit. The decision of the Board is all that is necessary to purchase these exhibits.

TREE SURGERY.

A greater amount of this work would have been done during the past year had it not been for the forced shortage of men during the summer season, when this work had originally been started.

MT. AIRY FOREST.

Aside from the forest plantings listed in the following pages, a great amount of clearing work has been done. One-half of the Stevens property has been cleared of all but the second growth.

The entrance to McFarlan Woods is cleared ready for planting. During the past summer the men on the Mt. Airy property have cared for the permanent plantings and nursery plantings.

The continued drouth affected much of the spring planting; a great amount of the stock received no rain for two months after planting; though these conditions are not controlled by man, it is to be regretted that it should come at this time.

Forty-five oak logs totaling 12,440 board feet were removed from the woods and transferred to the sawmill.

AVON FIELD.

During the past summer two men have been kept on this property working at nursery cultivation, mowing weeds and trimming trees.

AULT PARK.

During the summer months one man was stationed here working at nursery cultivation and trimming trees.

Attached find list of forest, nursery and permanent plantings and the work accomplished on developed properties.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MUNGER,

Forester.

CHART SHOWING WORK DONE ON DEVELOPED PARKS.

Parks	Trees Trimmed	Trees Sprayed	Trees Treated (Tree Surgery)	Street Trees Planted	Dead Trees Removed (Large)	Stumps Removed	Totals
Ault	50	...	5	..	5	..	60
Avon Field	60	...	20	..	..	..	80
Burnet Woods	25	...	..	..	6	..	31
College Hill	10	...	..	..	..	..	10
Deer Creek Common..	..	...	..	30	..	..	30
Dempsey .....	..	15	..	..	..	..	15
Eden	380	353	250	70	6	..	1,059
Garfield	20	10	3	..	1	..	34
Lincoln	78	150	5	..	2	..	235
Lytle	5	125	..	..	..	..	130
Madison	15	...	..	..	1	..	16
Mt. Storm	40	20	..	..	80	..	140
Mt. Echo	200	5	..	..	30	..	235
Owls Nest	15	3	..	18
Short's Woods	60	60
Walnut Hills	3	2	..	5
Washington	8	178	10	..	6	..	202
Wulsin	3	1	..	4
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Totals.....	912	856	293	100	143	60	2,364

FOREST PLANTING, 1914.

Nursery Planting Spring 1914.

17,500	Bald Cypress	Mt. Airy Forest
25,000	Tulip Poplar	Ault Park
1,000	European Ash	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Austrian Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Pitch Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	White Pine	Ault Park
1,000	White Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Mugho Pine	Ault Park
15,000	Corsican Pine	Ault Park
5,000	River Birch	Mt. Airy Forest
3,000	Red Cedar	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Russian Mulberry	Mt. Airy Forest
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92,500	Total.	

Seed Planting.

Red Bud.
 Green Ash.
 Crataegus.
 Dogwood.
 Persimmon.
 Red Oak.

Permanent Planting Spring 1914.

28,775	Bald Cypress	Mt. Airy Forest
21,000	Japanese Larch	Mt. Airy Forest
20,800	American Linden	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	European Linden	Mt. Airy Forest
20,000	White Oak	Mt. Airy Forest
20,000	Tulip Poplar	Mt. Airy Forest
10,000	European Beech	Mt. Airy Forest
10,000	European Beech	Ault Park
2,000	Austrian Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
3,500	Jack Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
3,000	Red Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
15,000	Scotch Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
6,200	White Pine	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Norway Spruce	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Black Oak	Mt. Airy Forest
1,000	American Holly	Mt. Airy Forest
1,000	American Holly	Ault Park
22,000	Red Cedar	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Hemlock	Mt. Airy Forest
5,000	Hemlock	Ault Park
300	Norway Poplar	Fernbank
2,000	Carolina Poplar	Mt. Airy Forest
10,000	Russian Mulberry	Mt. Airy Forest
1,000	American Sycamore	Mt. Airy Forest
10,000	White Ash	Mt. Airy Forest
1,500	Larch	Mt. Airy Forest
1,200	Butternut	Mt. Airy Forest
2,300	Black Walnut	Mt. Airy Forest
300	Sycamore	Mt. Airy Forest
237,875	Total.	

Nursery Planting	92,500 trees
Permanent Planting	237,875 trees

Total	330,375 trees
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ANNUAL REPORT PARK POLICE 1914.

Cincinnati, December 31, 1914.

Hon. Board of Park Commissioners,

Mr. C. H. Meeds, Park Engineer.

Gentlemen:

The following is a complete report of the arrests made, charges preferred, sentences received, and all the arrests made by the Park Police during the year 1914. There are, however, several cases of which we have no records, but the total arrests made during the year were 213.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HARTUNG,

Captain of Park Police.

Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Paid	Remarks	Judge	Arresting Officer
1/ 8	Carl Morton.....	Violating Automobile Law.....	Costs.....	4		Alexander.....	F. Hartung
1/ 8	Paul Johnson	44	44	44		44	44
1/ 8	Wm. R. Howard	44	44	44	\$5.00 and Costs.....	44	44
1/ 8	Frank C. Hohr	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
1/ 8	Albert Boltz	44	44	44	44	44	44
1/ 8	Adam Schweitzer	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/ 9	Frank Ulrey	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/10	Frank Brell	44	44	44	\$5.00 and Costs.....	44	44
2/10	Stanley Lawson	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
2/11	Edward T. Lux	44	44	44	\$5.00 and Costs	44	44
2/13	Wm. E. Case	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
2/16	Lawrence Blackburn	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/19	E. G. Bemke	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/19	Harrison Smith	44	44	44	\$10.00 and Costs	44	44
2/19	Ben. Diegle	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
2/21	Sam. E. Sternberger	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/23	Edw. A. Walters	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/23	Fred Brandweide	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/26	Edw. Murphy	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/28	Edw. A. Walters	44	44	44	44	44	44
2/29	Jas. Kreupz	44	44	44	44	44	44
3/ 2	Walter Geier	44	44	44	\$5.00 and Costs	44	44
3/ 2	Evelyn Hollister	44	44	44	44	44	44
3/ 4	Irwin Robinson	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
3/10	Gelin C. Perin	44	44	44	44	44	44
3/20	N. S. Hill	44	44	44	\$15.00 and Costs	44	44
3/24	Chas. J. Gessing	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
3/24	John H. Michael	44	44	44	\$5.00 and Costs	44	44
3/26	Eugene Kriemer	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
3/26	Irwin Bauer	44	44	44	\$10.00 and Costs	44	44
4/ 4	Edward Gebhardt	44	44	44	Costs.....	44	44
4/ 5	Irwin Puthoff	44	44	44	44	Bell	44

Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Paid	Remarks	Judge	Arresting Office
4/30	Dan Pinkerton	Violating Automobile Law	\$5.00 and Costs			Bell	J. McNamara
5/12	Dr. Carl Beymeyer	" Costs	Suspended	"		"	"
5/12	Wm. Dullmeier	"	Paid	"		"	"
5/20	Harry Leyman	"	Suspended	"		"	"
5/20	Martin Lang	"	Paid	"		"	"
5/29	Wm. Stroup	"	"	"		"	"
6/ 4	Carl Bruckman	"	"	"		"	"
6/ 7	Arthur Rehn	"	"	"		"	"
6/26	Max Shapers	"	Paid	"		"	"
7/10	Theo. Honerlow	"	Costs	"		Fox	J. Hartung
7/30	Chas. Hulte	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"		"	"
8/ 6	Viles Tuney	"	Costs	"		"	"
9/ 1	J. T. Trevoer	"	"	"		"	"
9/ 5	Oscar Holmuth	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"		"	"
10/ 2	Edw. Weber	"	Costs	"		"	"
10/21	Donald Thigh	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"		Fricke	"
11/ 5	Alfred Allen	"	Costs	"		"	"
11/19	Geo. Poedt	"	"	"		"	"
11/ 7	Wm. Bachoud	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"		"	J. Hartung
11/ 7	Geo. Crothers	"	Costs	"		"	"
11/16	Jas. Stewart	"	Costs	"		"	"
3/26	Emil Heerman	"	\$25.00 and Costs	Paid		Alexander	F. Hartung
1/28	Anna Henderson	Drunkeness	\$5.00 and Costs	Served		"	"
1/28	John Klopton	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	Harry Gray
4/26	Wm. Walls	"	Costs	"		Bell	J. Hartung
4/30	Edw. Walls	"	30 Days and Costs	"		"	"
7/25	Frank Hellrick	"	Costs	"		Fox	"
7/25	Jacob Seibert	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
7/25	John Kelly	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
7/24	John Moss	"	Costs	"		"	Alb Beebe
7/29	Emma Fulton	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"		"	"
8/ 1	Chas. Porter	"	Ordered out of town	"		"	Burt Williams
8/ 1	Martin Dunlap	"	"	"		"	"

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Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Judge	Remarks	Arresting Officer
8/ 1	Joe. Monroe.....	Drunkeness.....	Ordered out of town.....	Fox	Served.....	Burt Williams
8/ 6	Wm. Houston.....	".....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	J. Hartung
8/ 6	John McMann	".....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
8/11	Fannie Harrison.....	".....	\$50.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	McNamara
8/11	Anna Fulton.....	".....	\$50.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	J. Hartung and McNamara
8/17	Alice Duey.....	".....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	Williams
8/27	Albert Konnex.....	".....	Costs.....	"	Suspended.....	H. Kimmick
8/27	Minnie Mohr.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
8/27	Francis Sieftki.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
9/ 7	Dominick McMamee.....	".....	30 Days and Costs.....	"	Paid.....	".....
9/18	Francis Sieftki.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	Served.....	A. Beebe
9/12	Mabel Hoefer.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	H. Kimmick
9/14	Nellie Smith.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
10/10	Casino Bauman.....	".....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	McNamara
11/16	May Hensley	".....	\$50.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	H. Kimmick
11/12	Frank Helfrick.....	".....	\$25.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
11/ 4	Mayne Johnson.....	".....	Costs.....	"	".....	J. Hartung
10/10	Benj. Shapper.....	".....	\$50.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	J. Bracken
10/10	Ellen Ditenbach.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	H. Kimmick
10/10	Anna McLean.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
10/10	Adam Hufflinger.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
10/10	Nellie Smith.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
10/27	Minnie Mohr.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
10/10	Anna Christie.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	Fox
3/ 5	Patrick Curtain.....	Disorderly Conduct.....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	Paid.....	Fricke
4/26	Patrick Curtain.....	".....	Costs.....	"	Served.....	Alexander
5/ 3	James Lust.....	".....	15 Days and Costs.....	"	".....	J. Hartung
5/12	John Mahon.....	".....	Costs.....	"	Suspended.....	".....
5/20	Patrick McFadden.....	".....	\$5.00 and Costs.....	"	Served.....	J. Hartung
5/21	Anna Foley.....	".....	10 Days, \$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
5/28	Julius Baker.....	".....	Costs.....	"	".....	".....
5/28	Catherine Demont.....	".....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....
5/28	Jennie Smith.....	".....	\$10.00 and Costs.....	"	".....	".....

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Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Remarks	Judge	Arresting Officer
5/28	Mary Conroy	Disorderly Conduct	\$10.00 and Costs.....	Served.....	Bell	J. Hartung
5/29	Garret Jacobs	"	5 Days, \$5.00 and Costs	5 Days, Costs remitted	"	F. Hartung
6/ 1	Chas. Martin	"	\$5.00 and Costs	Served.....	"	J. Hartung
6/ 4	John Olney	"	Costs	Suspended	"	J. McNamara
6/ 4	Frank Oiney	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"	"	"
6/ 4	Edw. Zimmerman	"	Costs	"	"	"
6/ 4	Frank Tuscanio	"	Costs	"	"	"
6/ 5	Edw. Walch	"	10 Days and Costs	Served.....	"	J. Hartung
6/ 5	May McCormick	"	10 Days and Costs	"	"	"
6/16	John Kreidel	"	30 Days and Costs	"	"	"
6/16	Wm. Wurdeman	"	Costs	Paid	"	F. Hartung
6/25	Robert Fields	"	\$50.00 and Costs	Suspended	"	"
6/25	Mayne Fields	"	\$50.00 and Costs	"	"	"
6/26	Wm. Doll	"	Juvenile Court.....	Open Docket.	Gorman	"
7/23	Francis Sieki	"	\$10.00 and Costs	Served.....	Fox	H. Kimmick
7/23	Mary Guckling	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"	"	"
7/20	Chas. Morehouse	"	\$5.00 and Costs	Paid	"	O. Kelley
7/25	Philip Solger	"	Costs	Served	"	B. Williams
7/25	Frank Smith	"	Costs	"	"	"
7/31	Chas. Miller	"	30 Days, \$50.00 and Costs	20 days served, new trial, bal. remitted	"	"
7/31	Ellen Diefenback	"	\$25.00 and Costs	Served.....	"	Harry Gray
7/31	May Hammond	"	\$25.00 and Costs	"	"	"
8/19	John Johnson	"	\$5.00 and Costs	"	"	J. Hartung
8/19	Chas. Baldwin	"	\$5.00 and Costs	Suspended	"	"
8/20	Floyd Rayburn	"	"	Dismissed	"	Harry Gray
9/14	Burt Anderson	"	10 Days and Costs	Served	"	Burt Williams
9/14	Geo. Porter	"	10 Days and Costs	"	"	"
9/ 7	John Dorsey	"	\$5.00 and Costs	Paid	"	O. Kelley
9/20	John King	"	\$10.00 and Costs	Served	"	A. Beebe
10/18	John Hensley	"	\$25.00 and Costs	"	"	J. Hartung
12/ 2	Wm. Coverdale	"	"	Dismissed	"	H. Kimmick
12/12	Herman Hollardissi	"	"	Costs	"	Kimmick and Williams
				Suspended	"	"

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Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Remarks	Judge	Bell	F. Hartung	Arresting Officer
5/15	Wm. Pinsack	Loitering	Costs.....	Suspended.....	44	.....	.....	.....
5/15	Harry Deewwater	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/15	Walter Bush	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/15	Edward Fuerst	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/15	Chas. Hamer	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/15	Geo. Fisher	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/15	John Ritter	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/26	John Woods	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/26	John Hicks	.....	\$50.00 and Costs.	Suspended, to leave town	44	.....	.....	Williams
5/26	Jacob Martin	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
5/26	Andrew Delong	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
6/ 1	Frank Clark	.....	44	Served.....	44	.....	.....	.....
6/ 1	John Jackson	.....	44	Suspended.....	44	.....	.....	.....
6/ 3	Otto Merkel	.....	44	Suspended, to leave town	44	.....	.....	44
6/ 3	Walter Schroeder	.....	44	Costs, remitted	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Carl Buffer	.....	44	Costs.	44	.....	.....	F. Hartung
6/17	Geo. Bell	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Morris Coets	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Jos. Neweober	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Jos. Thomas	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Wm. Bell	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Otto Michal	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Walter Schott	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
6/17	Walter Welch	.....	44	\$50.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	44
8/13	Frank Diamond	.....	44	\$5.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	Fox
8/15	Kate Cose	.....	44	\$25.00 and Costs.	44	.....	.....	J. Hartung
8/15	August Hawkins	.....	44	Costs.....	44	.....	.....	Williams
8/16	Andrew Dieckerman	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
8/16	Harry Toker	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	Kimmick
8/20	Maggie Wilson	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	Williams
8/22	Harry Anderson	.....	44	.....	44	.....	.....	44
8/26	Arthur Grace	44	\$10.00 and Costs.	44	44
8/26	Erie Siefer	44	\$5.00 and Costs.	44	Kimmick
				Costs.....	44
				Suspended.....	44

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Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Served	Remarks	Judge	Arresting Officer
11/12	Martin McDermott	Loitering	\$25.00 and Costs	"		Fricke	Kimmick
11/26	Thos. Creek	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	J. Hartung
11/27	Geo. Kido	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
11/29	Pat. Kennedy	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
11/29	Edw. Smith	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
11/30	Albert Griffth	"	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
11/ 6	Wm. Stricker	"	\$30.00 and Costs	"		"	"
Three cases	"	"	"	"	Served	Fricke	Kimmick
10/10	Bud Brown	Assault and Battery	30 Days and Costs	"		"	"
12/17	Walter Schroeder	"	10 Days, \$35.00 and Costs	"		"	"
12/11	Wm. Dillon	"	4 Days served, then released	"		"	"
7/18	Clarence Lillis	"	10 Days, \$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
7/18	John Bauman	"	Costs paid, days remitted	"		"	"
7/17	Herman Wessel	"	\$25.00 and Costs	"		Fox	J. Hartung and McNamara
8/10	Thos. Buckley	Impersonating an Officer	Ordered out of town	"		"	"
8/30	Maggie Collins	Soliciting	\$10.00 and Costs	"		"	"
3/ 5	Lawrence Spahn	Cruelty to Animals	\$25.00 and Costs	"		"	"
3/ 5	Wm. Shaw	"	\$25.00 and Costs	"		"	"
4/12	Jas. Toal	Participating in a Game of Chance	Costs	"		Fricke	J. Hartung
10/15	Hanna Miller	Common Prostitute	Costs	"		Bell	O. Kelly
12/ 2	Anna Coverdill	Shooting at with intention to kill	Grand Jury	"		Fricke	Williams
					Ignored	"	Kimmick

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ARRESTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY PARKS DURING THE PAST YEAR FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND
WERE ALL PUT ON PROBATION, PENDING THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

Wm. Johnson	Wm. Stevens	Jos. Zoz	Edward Mara	Eugene Stark	Albert Edwards
Eugene Flower	Wm. Traner	Chas. Traner	Chas. Wuerstein	Oliver Cranhegan	Orbi Hamilton
Wm. Jennings					

There have been six (6) arrests made by Park Police during the year for petit larceny of which we have no records.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

December 31, 1914.

Hon. Board of Park Commissioners:

Wm. Hodgkinson, Secretary.

Gentlemen:

The following is a final report of the playground season beginning June 1 and ending September 15, 1914:

Approximate Attendance.

June	329,627
July	221,051
August	322,267
September	129,995
Total	1,002,938

The above figures give you the approximate attendance of the number of people who made use of the facilities.

Supervised play was conducted on seventeen playgrounds.

Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the playground season was the playground outing at Mt. Echo Park on September 1, 1914. A great object lesson given through the medium of this outing will no doubt leave a lasting impression on the minds of the future citizens of our city.

Safe and Sane Fourth of July celebrations were conducted on all the playgrounds and it was estimated that from fifteen to twenty thousand people took part. The children received ice cream and peanuts. Athletic contests were held and prizes given to the winners. Prominent citizens spoke at the various playgrounds. Not a single accident marred this national holiday.

The lawn fetes given at the different playgrounds were all largely attended and seemed to bring about a co-operative attitude amongst parents and children. The following report will give details regarding the financial results also a list of names of mothers who are acting in the capacity as trustees of the money, and the name of the bank where the money is deposited.

Mothers' Clubs Deposits at the Banks.

Inwood Park \$688.42 Unity Banking & Savings Co.,
Mrs. Wiebell, Mrs. Betzner.

McKinley..... 267.62 German Western Bank,
Mrs. Perkins, Miss Boescherz.

Washington	195.05	Mrs. Mary L. Hoffmeister.
Woodward.....	193.00	People's Bank & Savings Co., Mrs. F. Jacobs, Mrs. L. Horn.
Grant	137.90	Guarantee Deposit Co., 1506 Vine St., Mrs. Boland, Miss Moreland.
Turkey Ridge	117.14	East End Bank, Mrs. Mitthoefer, Mrs. Nunne.
Hulbert	83.61	Liberty Bank, Mr. Wm. Thie.
Filson Outlook.....	50.00	Walnut Hills Savings & Banking Co., Miss Rabenstein, Mrs. Geo. Meyer.
Mohawk.....	48.36	Brighton Bank, Mrs. Kruse, Mr. Mueller.
Hanna	23.92	Mohawk German Bank & Savings Co., Mrs. Keller, Mr. Albert Hoffman.
Walnut Hills	4.64	Mr. Parham.

The evening playground dances conducted at Inwood, Sinton, McKinley and Hanna Parks have been very largely attended and showed how vitally necessary such activities are for the older boys and girls.

The evening sewing circles conducted at Inwood Park by Mrs. Meyer have been a great blessing for all those who enjoy quiet activities.

The Juvenile City organized at Western and McLean Playground proved to be an economical as well as an educational factor. The object of the Juvenile City is to train boys in actual work of the city government, to keep an interest in the work of the playground, to aid in the discipline and operation of the playground and create a deep and sincere loyalty to the playground and to the Board of Park Commissioners; although most of the work done by the boys the playground director had power to veto every law that they passed, so all danger of the boys running away with the organization was avoided.

The weekly inspection tours made by the Secretary and the writer were far reaching and very beneficial to the playground department and the results obtained very gratifying.

Recommendations.

Inwood Park—To increase the depth of wading pool; to place sand bin in north side of canopy; to enlarge the floor space for dancing; to build tennis courts.

Filson Outlook—To increase the depth of wading pool; to build pigeon hole shelving in boys' and girls' dressing room; to place fence around playground.

Turkey Ridge—To make provision for bathing in the river; to clean up river bank, and place flower beds.

Lytle Park—To repair or replace surface; to place merry-go-round.

Sinton Park—To separate the wading pool by placing cement wall in center.

Lincoln Park—To grade play field; to place fence around playground; to place pigeon hole shelving in boys' and girls' dressing rooms; to place tan bark on playfield; to furnish the interior of building; to place lights on playfield.

Hulbert—To place merry-go-round; to repair fence on north side of playfield.

Western and McLean—To furnish interior of building; to place pigeon hole shelving in boys' and girls' dressing rooms; to place apparatus frame; to place tan bark on playfield.

Mohawk—To erect shelter building; to place fence along canal side.

McKinley—To increase the depth of wading pool; to place pigeon shelving in boys' and girls' dressing rooms; to place fence around playground and build pergola at entrance of playground.

Hanna—To increase depth of wading pool; to erect proper boys' and girls' dressing rooms.

Grant—To furnish interior of building; to place pigeon hole shelving in boys' and girls' dressing rooms; to place fence around playground; to place tan bark on playfield; to place light on playfield.

Sycamore—To improve piping for in and outlet of wading pool; to place shower baths in boys' and girls' dressing rooms; to place gate at north side of playground for the convenience of the school children across the street.

Washington—To furnish interior of building; to remove sand bin and place cement floor in open shelter house; to continue fence around playground; to place pigeon shelving in boys' and girls' dressing rooms.

General Recommendations.

To institute a playground course for play director and assistants next spring.

To organize a playground mothers' league.

To establish playground districts for the use of older boys and girls.

To establish a junior camp at Riverside grounds.

To place telephone in all the larger shelter houses.

To set aside concerts for playground outing and festival day.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. SEUSS,
Supervisor of Playgrounds.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1914

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

Honorable Board of Park Commissioners,

Wm. Hodgkinson, Secretary.

Gentlemen:

During the past year we have built five new shelter houses, remodeled one building, built a band stand and comfort station, also a steel storage shed at a cost of about \$100,000.00. All of these buildings, except the storage shed, were started in the spring and practically ready for roof May 1, 1914, when the carpenters went on a strike. This carpenters' strike had all of the other branches almost at a standstill for a period of nearly three months, or from May 1 to July 22. During this period very little work was accomplished.

After the strike was ended all of the contractors resumed operations and finished the buildings with good progress, but not in time to use during the playground season. All the buildings are now completed, the plans and specifications having been complied with in full, except the storage shed, which will require a week of good weather to complete.

The following will give you the general details of the various buildings together with their cost. You will note that all the extras were caused mainly by accepting options provided for in the contract or by bad soil conditions, which were encountered during the excavation and necessitated extra excavation and foundation work.

Eden Park Music Pavilion.

This building is built almost entirely of concrete and provides not only a band stand, but ample toilet facilities for the public. The cost is as follows:

Contract Price	\$14,071.00
Extras: Excavation	\$ 53.75
Concrete	260.94—\$ 314.69
Credits: Conduit Work	60.00— 254.69
Total Cost	\$14,325.69

Symmes Playground.

This building is a one-story shelter house, built of brick and frame construction and provides dressing rooms and toilets for both sexes. The playground is entirely enclosed with an iron fence and contains one swimming pool.

The cost is as follows:

Contract Price	\$ 8,555.00
Extras: Extra Concrete	\$ 53.35
Option on Brick	42.00
Moving Iron Fence	404.00—\$ 499.35
Credits: Omitting Crushed Granite...	100.00
Plumbing	50.00— 150.00—
	349.35
Total Cost	\$ 8,904.35

Lincoln Park.

This building is in reality a two-story shelter house built of brick and frame work on an elaborate plan. It provides a large social room, dressing rooms, toilet facilities for both sexes, tool room, instructor's rooms, store room and a large storage place. The playground contains one swimming pool of ample size.

Would recommend that more toilets be provided in this park for the public and keep the toilets in present new building for children on playground only. The cost is as follows:

Contract Price	\$22,230.00
Extras: Natural Stone	\$ 950.00
Green Tile	408.00
Lamp Standards	231.00
Fixtures	27.20
Bolts	2.80
Concrete Footing	162.35—\$1,781.35
Credits: Plumbing	41.00
Wood Floor	75.00
Change in Tablet.....	7.00
Crushed Granite	115.00— 238.00— 1,543.35
Total Cost	\$23,773.35

Washington Park.

This building is a one-story shelter house built of brick and frame work and provides both dressing rooms and toilets for both sexes, as well as comfortable social room. The playground contains two pools. The cost is as follows:

Contract Price	\$16,355.00
Extras: Extra Concrete Work.....	\$ 112.40
Cut Stone and Brick.....	78.50
Cesspool, extra	10.00
Fixtures	122.16—\$ 323.06
Credits: Changing Gutter	117.00— 206.06
Total Cost	\$16,561.06

Grant Playground.

This building is a two-story shelter house built entirely of brick and concrete. It provides a large social room, dressing rooms and toilets for both sexes. There is a band stand and open pavilion on the second floor. The playground is not enclosed, neither does it contain a swimming pool, both of which I recommend being done next year. The cost is as follows:

Contract Price	\$19,437.00
Extras: Bronze Tablet	\$ 10.00
Electric Work	9.03
Plumbing Work	66.87
Extra Excavation	200.79
Extra Stone Work.....	402.00—\$ 688.69
Credits: Hardware	3.25
Brick	87.50— 90.75— 597.84

Total Cost	\$20,034.84

Inwood Park.

This building was remodeled and practically a two-story shelter house is the result. It provides a large social room, dressing and toilet rooms for both sexes, with an open pavilion on the second floor. The cost of remodeling is as follows:

Contract Price	\$11,900.00
Extras:	\$ 149.57
Less Credits	47.65— 101.92

Total Cost	\$12,001.92

Extras on this building were caused mainly by necessary unforeseen changes, that come up during most alterations.

Hulbert Playground.

This building is simply a one-story galvanized shed on a wood frame and provides one toilet for each sex, together with a shelter room. The cost of building, including plumbing, painting and installation of piers was \$369.87.

Storage Shed.

This building is 35 feet by 70 feet and one and one-half stories high. Built entirely of galvanized iron on a steel frame. The cost is as follows:

Contract Price	\$2,186.00
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Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. HOEFER,
Supt. of Bldg. Construction.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR 1914.

Receipts.

Disbursements.

Appropriations:

Taxes	\$154,584.97	Administration and Maintenance.....	\$148,667.01
Refunders	356.32	Outstanding Orders	6,259.39
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,742.91	Misc. Revenue, Reverting to General Park Fund	1,742.91
Rents, etc.	1,307.45	Rents, etc., Reverting to Sinking Fund.....	1,307.45
Total	\$157,991.65	Unincumbered balance Dec. 31, 1914, Reverting to General Park Fund.....	14.89
		Total	\$157,991.65

Appropriations:

Bond Funds:		Bond Funds:	
Balance, January 1, 1914	\$593,257.12	Purchase of property and improvements.....	\$349,960.58
Refunders	56.25	Outstanding Orders and Contracts.....	57,605.25
Total	\$593,313.37	Unincumbered balance Dec. 31, 1914	186,647.54
		Total	\$593,313.37
Trust Funds:		Trust Funds:	
Balance, January 1, 1914	\$ 417.06	Concerts, Burnet Woods.....	\$ 2,000.00
Groesbeck Endowment	1,944.00	Concerts, various Parks and Playgrounds.....	2,285.00
Mr. Julius and Mrs. Chas. Fleischmann	2,616.00	Unincumbered balance Dec. 31, 1914	692.06
Total	\$ 4,977.06	Total	\$ 4,977.06

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MOVING PICTURE SHOWS GIVEN DURING YEAR 1914.

Lytle Park	15 shows @ \$9.50—	\$142.50
Turkey Ridge Playground.....	8 shows @ 9.50—	76.00
	23 shows	\$ 218.50

CONCERTS GIVEN DURING YEAR 1914.

Schmidlapp Fund (Concerts paid for by Trustees), 18 Concerts at Eden Park and 8 at various parks and playgrounds.	
Groesbeck Endowment Fund, 13 Concerts at Burnet Woods..	\$2,000.00
Fleischmann Fund, 21 Concerts at down-town parks and playgrounds ..	2,285.00
	\$4,285.00

PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING YEAR 1914.

By Purchase	225.743 acres
Donated by J. N. Gamble, Mt. Airy.....	4.66 "
Donation by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault, addition to Ault Park.....	33.331 "

Addition to Ault Park.

Donated by	
J. Nelson Caldwell.....	88.000 "
B. H. Kroger.....	82.11 "
By Annexation, Kennedy Heights.....	2.5 "
By Lease	235.229 "

671.573 acres

SUMMARIZED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES.

Park land owned by	Area in Acres	Cost of		
		Cost of land	Improvement	Total Cost
city Dec. 31, 1903..	395.35	\$2,584,833.49	.....	\$2,584,833.49
Added during 1904...	10.36	64,700.24	.....	64,700.24
Added during 1905...	31.865	636,281.89	\$ 33,707.42	669,989.31
Added during 1906...	19.492	105,212.14	8,670.14	113,882.28
Added during 1907...	12.20	103,333.02	13,506.58	116,839.60
Added during 1908...	16.146	256,372.12	84,784.47	341,156.59
Added during 1909...	72.872	86,651.60	128,997.87	215,649.47
Added during 1910...	9.739	45,987.06	85,473.39	131,460.45
Added during 1911...	715.371	544,967.39	100,612.03	645,579.42
Added during 1912...	412.812	176,202.44	192,480.50	368,682.94
Added during 1913...	307.054	120,691.46	78,643.93	199,335.39
Added during 1914...	397.603	157,797.52	185,417.28	343,214.80
	2,400.864	\$4,883,030.37	\$912,293.61	

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Name and Location	Acreage	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1914	Remarks
Auburn Place— Auburn Place—Mt. Auburn (Auburn and Auburndale Aves.)	.80	1905	\$ 21,640.17	\$ 63.65	.....
Ault Park—Mt. Lookout	205.003	1914	.....	5,393.34	.....	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault.
Linwood Heights—H. G. C.	114	1911	82,928.36	1,969.05	.....
Avon Field—18 H. G. C.						
Reading and Paddack Roads.						
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle—Clifton	14	1911	3,516.35	128.50	.....
Bloody Run Parkway—Sec. 2—1 B. D.	114.813	1914	192,098.80	88,441.32	.....
Walnut Hills and Avondale.						
Blue Rock Oval..... Between Cherry and Turrill Sts.	.22	1912	.....	675.92	.....
Bald Face Creek—P. G.—B. D.	2.663	1914	4,364.02	.....	.....
Burnet Woods Park—Clifton..... P. G.—B. D.—9 H. G. C.	169.953	1881	925,633.63	86,169.41	.....	Land leased from 1872 to 1881. Purchased in 1881. Donated by Mr. J. Nelson Caldwell. Acquired by annexation.
Caldwell Park..... Old North Bend Road, Carthage, College Hill Park—1 T. C.—1 B. D.	88	1914	.....	3.63	.....
Surrounding town hall.	4.75	1911	.....	406.74	.....
Deer Creek Common—6 B. D.	13.133	1905	262,251.42	44,385.61	.....
Hunt Street.	10	1907	17,393.62	22,731.79	.....
Dempsey Park—1 B. D.						
Warsaw and Price Aves.	7.50	1904	36,555.42	2,264.69	.....
East End Common—2 B. D.						
Eastern Ave. and Torrence Road.						
Eden Park—3 T. C.	214.45	1908	1,712,252.71	218,767.84	Part of land leased from 1865 to 1908. Purchased from 1859 to 1908.
Gilbert Ave.						

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NAME AND LOCATION	Acreage	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1914	REMARKS
Evanston Ballgrounds—1 B. D.—2 T. C...	5.25	1911	18,032.28	2,107.24	...	
Langdon Ave.	37	1913	3,540.00	49.55	...	
Fernbank Parks						Acquired by annexation.
Thorn Place Triangle.....	.01 acre					Stuart Park, $\frac{1}{36}$ acre,
Shorts Woods, 2 T.C., 9 H.G.C. 21 75 "						leased from Big Four,
River Park—1 B. D. ....	.14 "					Shorts Woods, Leased.
Stuart Park .....	.14 "					Donated, Gaff Estate,
Chestnut Ridge .....	.24 "					175.
Pilson Outlook—P. G.	1.996	1909	25,498.76	21,206.75	...	
Young and Ringgold Sqs.						Donated by Messrs. J. H.
Garfield Park—Eighth St.	1	1868	.....	1,513.44	...	B. Platt, April 9,
Grant Playground.....	.65	1911	45,050.39	25,719.61	...	1817. Dedicated, 1868.
McMicken, Walnut and Back Sqs.	1	1909	.....	5,593.33	...	Donation of Miss Mary
Hanna Playground.....						Hanna.
Harrison Playground.....	.968	1914	46,679.37	.....		Acquired by annexation.
Stabler and Hartmaker Sqs.						Donation of Mr. L. C.
Hartwell Oval	1.02	1912	20.00	6,654.93	...	Hopkins.
Hopkins Park	1	1866	.....	3,779.22	...	Donation of Mrs. M. H.
Auburn Ave. and Dorchester St.						Perin (Miss Hulbert).
Hulbert Playground.....	.596	1911	.....			Acquired by annexation.
Freeman and Hubert						
Hyde Park Fountain—Erie Ave .....	.25	1910	129.329.22	110.955.31	...	
Inwood Park—P. G.—1 B. D	23.564	1914	.....		
Vine Street Hill	2.5	1914	.....	17.76	...	
Kennedy Heights Park	82.11	1914	.....	646.36	...	Acquired by annexation.
Kroger Hills Park						Donated by Mr. B. H.
Terrace Park, Ohio						Kroger.
Lick Run Ballgrounds—2 B. D.	4.25	1911	14,811.00	41,091.32	...	
Lincoln Park—P. G.	10	1858	.....			Acquired through ex-
Freeman Ave. and Hopkins St.						changes of land in 1834
Linwood Park—Eastern Ave.						and 1837. Dedicated
Losantiville Triangle—2 T. C. ....	.25	1908	67,021.79	17,807.94	...	as a park in 1858.
Burnet Ave. and Reading Road.	7.431	1910			Acquired by annexation.
Ludlow Field—2 B. D.—*	2.488	1914	1,238.72	3.47	...	
Ludlow Ave. Viaduct.						

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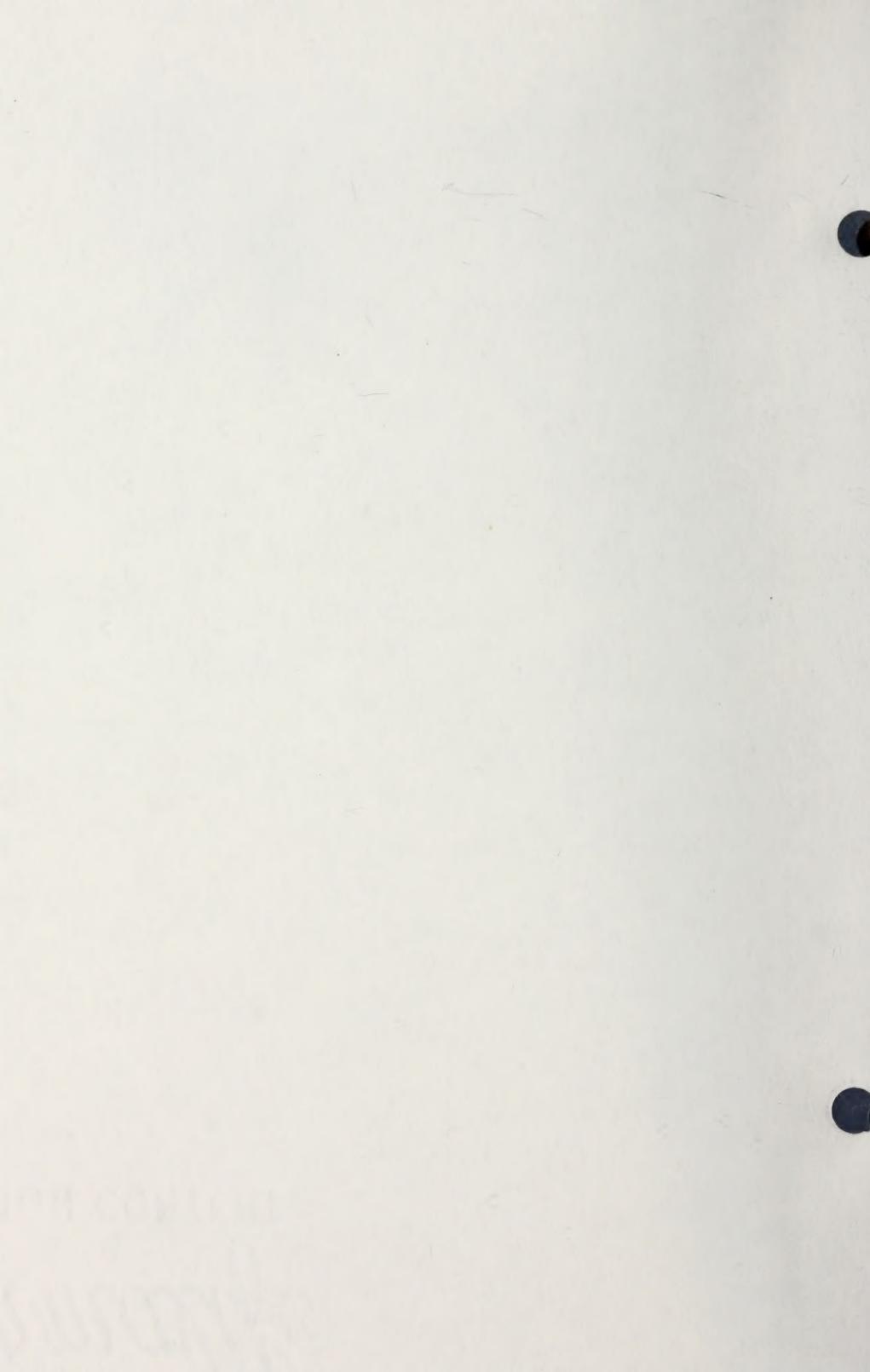
Name and Location	Acreage	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1914	Remarks
Lytle Park—P.G. & S. Sts. 4th and Lawrence Sts.	1.36	1905	242,922.31	23,471.07	.....	Acquired through annexation of Hyde Park, 2.886 acres; bought 1.576 acre. Acquired by annexation.
Madison Park—1 T. C. Madison Road and Erie Ave.	4.442	1903	9,295.00	1,740.08	.....
Madisonville Parks Morris Park.....	.70	1912	.....	.....	.....
Town Hall Park.....	.39	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Park.....	.16 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mayfield and Carson Sits.—Price Hill	2.053	1910	.....	.....	.....	Transferred by Act of Council.
McKinley Park—P. G. John, Wade, Cutler and Bauer Sits.	1.21	1905	50,694.39	21,694.47	.....
Mitchell Triangle.....	.20	1911	.....	.....	9.00	Donation of Mr. A. D. Mitchell.
Reading Road and Rose Hill Ave.	.641	1911	22,859.45	2,262.65	.....
Mohawk Playground.....	943.698	1914	108,001.92	9,349.29	.....	Leased Kittredge Farm, 95 a.; Widow's Home and Asylum Farm 94.65 acres.
Central Ave. west of Mohawk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. N. Gamble Donation, 4.66 acres.
Mt. Airy Forest—18 G. C.—Tree Nursery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colerain Ave. and West Fork Road.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Echo Park—1 B. D.—2 T. C. Elberon Ave.	50.85	1908	74,640.46	37,048.84	.....
Mt. Storm Park—Lafayette and Ludlow Ave North Fairmount Playground—Carl St	66.85 .448 23.29	1911 1912 1909	117,310.45 4,878.04	979.47 319.89 5,090.19	.....	.....
Nursery—(Leased) Muddy Creek Pike and Anderson Ferry Road.	5.80	1905	* 550.83	3,015.68	.....	Donation of Messrs. C. E. and E. C. Perkins.
Owls Nest Park—P. G. Madison Road.	.....	.....	46,940.50	120.55	.....	Transferred by Act of Council.
Parker's Woods—Bruce Ave., Northside	31.50 .44	1911 1910	.....	3,482.28	.....	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Peck.
Pearl St. Playground .....	.....	.....	*10.42	.....	.....
Pearl, bet. Elm and Plum Sts.	.527	1912	.....	.....	.....
Peck's Cliff St. and Ohio Ave.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bet. Vine St. and Ohio Ave.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge—1 B. D.—2 T. C	8.63	1913	9,823.96	546.47	.....
Welfare Park.....	7.32	1913	2,662.76	1,052.54	.....
Riverside Field—2 B. D.—*1 Liston and Olive Aves.	.072	1910	732.34	Transferred by Act of Council.
Rochelle and Faile Sts	

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Name and Location	Acreage	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1914	Remarks
Sayler Park—(Parks).....	18.712	1913	3,120.00	460.54	.....	Donated by Mr. Milton Sayler, 2.85 acres. Acquired by annexation.
Nelson Sayler Park.....	2.06 acres					
Lee Park.....	.16 .28					
McQuetty Park.....	.372 ..					
Schuetzenbuckel Park—2 B. D.—*1.....	19	1912	*330.48	900.14	.....	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Dietterle.
Fairmount.....						
Sinton Park—P. G. Barr, Cutrer, Kenyon and Mound Sts. Symmes Playground. Western and McLean Aves.	2.33 .475	1908 1911	255,865.47 13,260.11	60,599.69 10,847.36	.....
Taft Field—3 B. D.—*1.....	13.524	1911	4,826.71	11,313.78	.....
Bates Ave. (Camp Washington). Third and Collard Sts.—1 B. D.....	1.5	1911	.....	.....
Turkey Ridge Playgroun—2 B. D. S. S. of Eastern Ave., bet. Stanley and Delta, Humbert to Ohio River.	13.004	1914	43,549.23	2,044.77	.....
Walnut Hills Playgroun	1.216	1911	10,705.57	933.96	.....
Ashland and Chapel Sts. Warsaw and Woodlawn Aves.—Jr. B. D.....	1.157	1910	.....	627.80	.....
Washington Park—P. G. Race, Twelfth and Elm Sts. Wayne Playgroun	5.6 2.23	1853 1913	138,050.00 11 705.00	39,280.24 622.01	.....
Edgewood Ave. and Elmore St. Westwood Common—5 B. D.—*2.....	21.27	1911	16,015.00	10,793.73	.....
Fisher Place. Westwood Town Hall Lot.....	.75	1911	.....	124.39	.....	Acquired by annexation.
Grounds around Town Hall. Wilson Common—1 Jr. B. D.....	8.43	1914	1,141.06	118.14	.....	Donated by Mrs. M. C. Wilson 8.395 acres. Purchased 0.35 acre.
East of Grand Ave. (Price Hill). Woodward Park—P. G.	11.269	1908	3,015.00	25,454.48	.....	Donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Noyes, 10.7 acres; Purchased .569 acre.
Foot of Rockdale Ave. Wulsin Triangle	1.168	1910	5,114.71	3,620.81	.....	Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Wulsin .95 acre; Purchased .218 acre.
Madison and Observatory Roads. Ziegler Playgroun .....	.45	1911	64,740.51	11,697.20	.....
Opposite Woodward High School.						
Totals	2,400.864			\$4,871,855.37	\$968,901.57	
P. G.—Playgrounds. T. C.—Tennis Courts. Jr. B. D.—Junior Ball Diamonds.				18 H. G. C.—18 Hole Golf Course. 9 H. G. C.—9 Hole Golf Course.		#—Unimproved. *—Taxes and Recording Deed.







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